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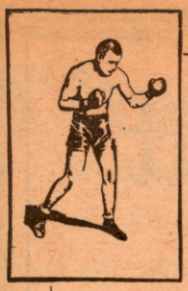

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BEAU JACK NAMED BOXER *of the* YEAR *in* 1944 COMPETITION

By NAT FLEISCHER

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BACK in 1925, THE RING Magazine instituted the pleasant practice of ranking the boxers of the world on the basis of their achievements for the year. Now THE RING comes forward with its twentieth set of ratings. Not once has there been a break in the job. Not once has THE RING allowed a hiatus to occur in what has come to be regarded as its duty toward the sport. Wherever boxing is alive, there the annual rankings of this magazine are awaited eagerly, and there they are published and recognized as the only official, unbiased, authoritative and unchallenged compilations of the scientists of the roped arena.

Getting up these ratings never has been a simple task. Since the war took most of our topnotchers, it has been more onerous than ever—so much so, that boxing followers all over the world wonder how these lists are turned out.

It will surprise everyone interested in boxing to know that for 1944 THE RING had no fewer than 4382 individual records tabulated.

This set a new high for the files of this magazine. True, many of them were newcomers, mere novices as professionals. True, many would not have dared to enter the professional ring in the lush days of peace. But to these novices the sport owes a big debt. They had the initiative, the spirit to come into boxing when it needed them very badly.

After sorting out these 4382 records, THE RING Magazine's editor and publisher decided that the 135-pound Negro from Georgia, who boxes under the name of Beau Jack and whose true moniker is Sidney Walker, was the Boxer of the Year for 1944.

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FIRST the writer listed Beau Jack as the No. 1 lightweight over Bob Montgomery, who is recognized as the champion of that division by the New York State Athletic Commission.

Then the selector threw Beau Jack in with the other No. 1 boxers for the year. And out of a comparison and cross-comparison came the definite conviction that to Beau Jack belonged boxing's No. 1 laurel, and the shrill accolade.

It was not easy to make the award to Jack over strong claims which presented themselves on behalf of Joe Louis and Billy Conn, who are in the Army and doing a splendid job for the entertainment and morale of their fellow service men.

That Joe and Billy are not on the battle front is not their fault. The brass hats believe that the things Louis and Conn are doing on this side are more important for the over-all picture than would their presence in a combat zone add up to.

It was not easy to pass up a repeat for Fred Apostoli, still in the Navy and still making a proud record for himself.

It was not very easy either to rate Beau Jack over Manuel Ortiz, the ever-scrapping bantamweight leader, who again is THE RING'S No. 1 choice in that division.

Beau Jack now is in the Army. Perhaps by the time these ratings are made public, he will have been discharged for a physical disability, according to an announcement made by the War Department. However, the record which he made in the ring through 1944 was achieved as a civilian.

It would have been a source of tremendous satisfaction for THE RING'S editor had he been able to give the Boxer of the Year citation to a man in the Army or Navy, perhaps to some boxer in the Marines, or one of the air forces.

But these men have a job to do in the war, and professional ring competition has not been available to the vast majority of our boxers in the service. That is exactly as it should be. Here and there, as in the case of Melio Bettina and Buddy Knox, an exception has been made.

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1939—Joe Louis
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1941—Joe Louis
1942—Ray Robinson
1943—Fred Apostoli
1944—Beau Jack

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BEAU JACK did most to keep boxing interest alive through 1944. He certainly was the standout figure in the tremendous boxing boom in New York. Here are the receipts and attendance data for his six contests in the Garden in New York in which he was instrumental in drawing in the spectators:

January 7—Won from Lulu Costantino, 10 rounds; attendance, 14,876; receipts, $43,161.

January 28—Drew with Sammy Angott, 10 rounds; attendance, 19,113; receipts, $84,870.

March 3—Lost to Bob Montgomery, 15 rounds; attendance, 19,066; receipts, $111,954.

March 17—Won from Al Davis, 10 rounds; attendance, 19,963; receipts, $132,823.

March 31—Won from Juan Zurita, 10 rounds; attendance, 17,593; receipts, $87,802.

August 4—Beat Bob Montgomery, 10 rounds; attendance, 15,822; receipts, $35,864,900 (Bond sales).

In addition, Jack won from Maxie Berger in ten rounds in Cleveland.

In designating Beau Jack as the Boxer of the Year, THE RING wishes to make it plain that it is not naming him the world's lightweight champion. Nor is it disposed to regard Bob Montgomery or Juan Zurita as the leader in that division. THE RING rules the lightweight title open, until the New York champion meets Zurita, the N.B.A. title holder, to settle the matter of world supremacy.

Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland, rated best among heavyweights.

There can be no doubt that Montgomery, on his record, has a better claim at least to national honors than has Zurita, but the fact remains that no world title could possibly have been at stake when Bob Montgomery carried off New York's honors in his bout with Beau Jack, on November 15, 1943, after the New York Commission, contrary to international boxing laws, had designated Beau Jack as world champion.

When Montgomery gained his New York laurels, he won nothing but that—a sectional championship.

Likewise when Zurita won his N.B.A. title in California.

Beau Jack kept right on boxing. He kept right on boxing when he was asked to meet Montgomery in a contest which afforded neither boxer a dime's return. That was the event staged by Mike Jacobs in New York for the Fifth War Loan drive. This contest resulted in the sale of close to $36,000,000 worth of bonds to 15,822 purchasers, who saw the fight.

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IN designating Beau Jack as its **Boxer of the Year,** THE RING obviously rates him over Montgomery and Zurita. But, once again, THE RING does not call Beau Jack the title holder.

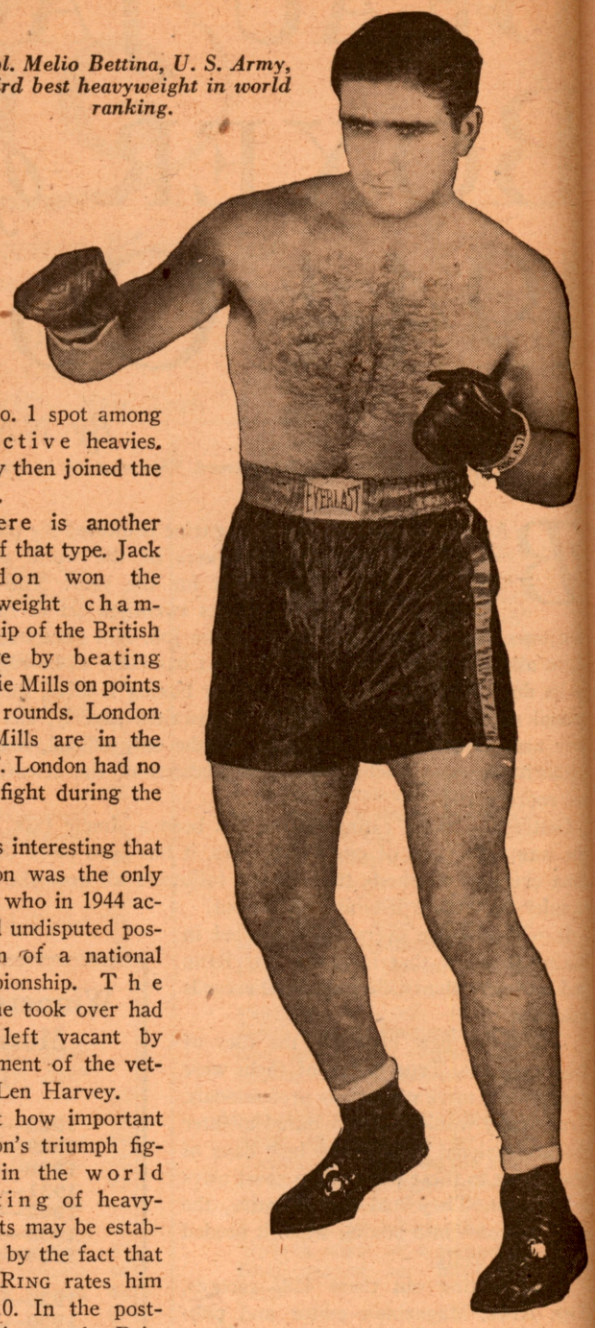
It would be well at this point to emphasize the basis of action by THE RING's selector.

These designations, these rankings, are made on work actually done in 1944. We are interested in no other year.

It is not possible to base any of the ratings on what boxers did in 1943 or 1942, or on the belief and supposition of what they could have done in 1944 had they been available for civilian competition. Nor are the ratings based in even the remotest degree on what the selector thinks boxers are likely to do in 1945.

Every rating is founded on achievement, on a minute study of each fighter's record. In some cases, boxers were able to engage in only one fight during the year when their boxing career was cut short temporarily by Uncle Sam. Jimmy Bivins is a case in point. But that one fight was important. Bivins stopped Lee Q. Murray, who at the time was the standout contender for the No. 1 spot among the active heavies. Jimmy then joined the Army.

Cpl. Melio Bettina, U. S. Army, third best heavyweight in world ranking.



There is another case of that type. Jack London won the heavyweight championship of the British Empire by beating Freddie Mills on points in 15 rounds. London and Mills are in the R.A.F. London had no other fight during the year.

It is interesting that London was the only boxer who in 1944 acquired undisputed possession of a national championship. The title he took over had been left vacant by retirement of the veteran Len Harvey.

Just how important London's triumph figures in the world ranking of heavyweights may be established by the fact that THE RING rates him No. 10. In the post-war picture, the British Empire title must assume a far greater importance than it has acquired with London's success.

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HERE are the ratings made at the top of each of the eight divisions for 1944:

Heavyweight—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, with Lee Q. Murray, second, and Melio Bettina, third. Bivins was No. 1 for 1943, too.

Light-heavyweight—Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Calif., repeats with ease. Eddie Booker is rated second, though he retired after four fights.

Middleweight—Holman Williams, Detroit, moves in over Jake LaMotta, the 1943 choice.

Welterweight—Ray Robinson it was last year, and Ray Robinson it is again, with Henry Armstrong, second.

Lightweight—Beau Jack over Bob Montgomery. Last year, THE RING rated Jack and Sammy Angott in a tie for No. 1.

Featherweight—Willie Pep, just out of the Navy, is the boss man in this division, as he was for 1943.

Bantamweight—Manuel Ortiz repeats in this division.

Flyweight—Jackie Paterson of Scotland retains top billing in that division.

BEFORE going into detailed explanation of all these selections, THE RING would like to list the standout developments in 1944 boxing, as follows:

1—Continuance of Joe Louis and Billy Conn in Army service, making appearances everywhere to the delight of some 4,000,000 soldiers on all combat fronts, and doing a grand job the way the Army wants it done.

2—The War Bond show in New York, with Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery, Mike Jacobs and the Garden giving their services and facilities gratis for an amazing showing.

3—Boxing's continued thrilling life, with shows drawing vast crowds all over the country. Jack alone drew some 110,000 persons in six appearances in the Garden in New York.

4—Jerry McGee, Augusta, Ga., middleweight, had no fewer than 37 fights during the year. Pete Virgin, New York featherweight, had 34; Pat Scanlon, New York lightweight, 34; LeRoy Wade of San Francisco, middleweight, 32, and Sailor Savidan, California lightweight, 31.

5—Willie Pep defended his featherweight title once, and Manuel Ortiz defended his bantam title four times—against Luis Castillo, twice; Ernesto Aquilar and Tony Olivera.

6—Benny McCombs, Flint, Mich., and Bobby Giles, Buffalo, fought a ten-rounder in Erie, Pa. McCombs won and scored 15 knockdowns. Giles also stopped Bobby Howard of Worcester in five rounds and again scored 15 knockdowns.

7—Willie Pep ran his string of pro victories to 90, with only one defeat, by Sammy Angott on March 19, 1943, to mar his great record. He did not engage in a single draw or no-decision bout.

8—The year's best gate, $132,000—Beau Jack vs. Al Davis in the Garden, New York.

9—Most thrilling fights—Tami Mauriello's eighth-round knockout of Lee Oma in the Garden on September 22, and Johnny Greco's 10-round victory on points over Bobby Ruffin on November 17 in the Garden.

10—The biggest upsets—Defeat of Freddie Mills by Jack London, for British title; Al Hart's one-round knockout of Turkey Thompson, and Bob Montgomery's one-round knockout by Al Davis. These were the standout upsets in boxing.

11—Danny Webb of the Canadian Army overseas jumped into international prominence by stopping Jackie Paterson, world flyweight champion, in third round. Webb was not at the flyweight limit.

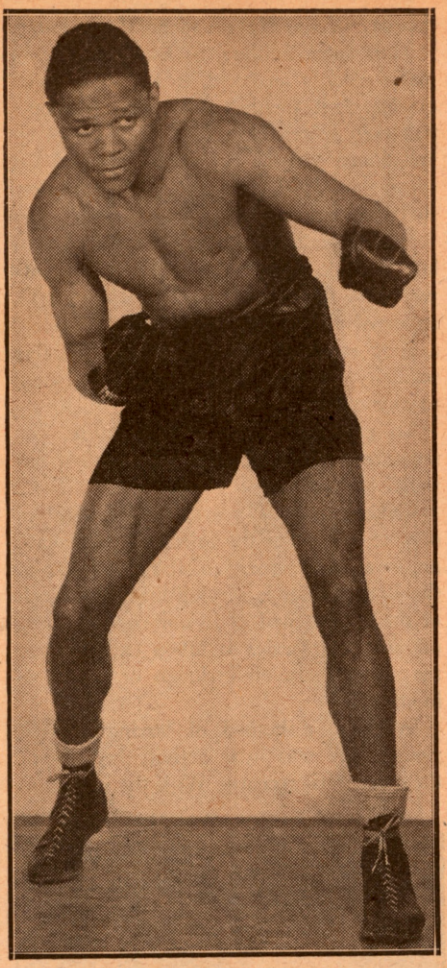
12—Leading comebacks—Lou Nova, heavyweight, and Harry Jeffra, featherweight. Other comebacks of famous fighters, most of whom later retired, included those of Ken Overlin, Glen Lee, Ceferino Garcia, Steve Dudas, Tiger Jack Fox and Al Hostak.

13—Consecutive knockout victories—Billy Fox, Philadelphia middleweight, 29 in 29 fights, 18 of them this year.

14—All-time record of 23 no-contest fights.

15—Vince Hawkins, English middleweight, brought his list of unbeaten fights to 63, with 62 victories and one draw, to jump into sixth rating in that division.

16—Reversed decisions by State Commissions—six.



Lloyd Marshall of Sacramento, Cal., who again outclasses field of light-heavyweights.

THE war has done much to bring forth youngsters in droves into the ranks of the money chasers, but has done much more to bring into the field of fisticuffs an army of young men from the armed forces who will flood the country as professionals in the post-war period. There may not be many prospective champions among them, but there are many who will make the grade as top-flighters.

Naturally the greatest interest lies in the heavyweight division. Joe Louis, after visiting the European and Mediterranean combat zones on his long exhibition tour, named two who, he feels confident, if trained properly, will rate among the world's best. They are Johnny Ebarb of Oakland, Calif., and George Culbertson of Brooklyn. Of the two, he thinks that Culbertson, the better and harder hitter, stands a good chance of gaining international fame. The Californian, he declares, is a classy performer but is minus the necessary hitting power, yet has sufficient in his make-up to enable him to cope with those in the select circle.

Then there are Pete Louthis, a veteran mid-Western battler, who, prior to entering the service, mingled with the best in the heavyweight division. He, according to those in the Pacific area who have seen him in action, rates among the best in his division in the Army. There is also Whizzer White, a big heavyweight fighter of no mean ability. His bouts in the South Pacific, where Gene Tunney saw him, presage much for him as a pro, if he decides to stick it out after the war. He can sock like a mule, but unfortunately hasn't had sufficient time off for training to enable him to get into prime condition. Also in the heavyweight ranks is big George Stephenson, Navy champion, who scales 224 and is six feet, four inches tall.

The two outstanding fighters in England are King Tut Tabor and Bobby Volk, both middleweights. They belong to the European theater of operations and have been highly commended by Billy Conn as fighters of excellent ability.

In the lighter sections many young men have been developed who may be rated as fine prospects, chief among them being the Weiss twins of New York, both Marines. I have seen a number in camps in this country, but the greater portion are to be found in the Tyrrhenian sector in Europe and in the South Pacific.

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THE firm hold that boxing has on the American public is exemplified by the great influx of boxers into the professional field, the big increase in attendance and the resulting increase in gate receipts at all clubs, particularly the smaller ones. Also the reopening of 21 fight clubs that were closed following the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japs and the licensing of new clubs in various parts of the country, mostly in areas occupied by war plants. This despite the war.

Never before in the 20 years that this publication has rated the boxers have so many professionals been listed as this year. In gathering the data for 1944 THE RING Editor spent one month analyzing the cards of 4382 boxers, the largest number of professionals registered in this country at any time. When one considers the fact that in past years the maximum of registered professionals seldom exceeded 3000, he gets an idea of what is in store for the sport of pugilism in the post-war era.

In this annual rating, as in the past years, there has been no guess work in the listing of each fighter, nor has there been any partiality. The work, a most arduous task, shows a just,

Holman Williams, judged the best among active middleweights.

impartial analysis of each pro boxer, based on his activity during the year, such activity being recorded on a card index. Every fighter who engaged in three or more contests, except in cases of international figures who fought only once or twice and then were forced to lay aside their gloves for the bigger battle, that of preparing to meet our enemies, has been placed in the group to which, in the opinion of THE RING Editor, without any outside influence, he belongs.

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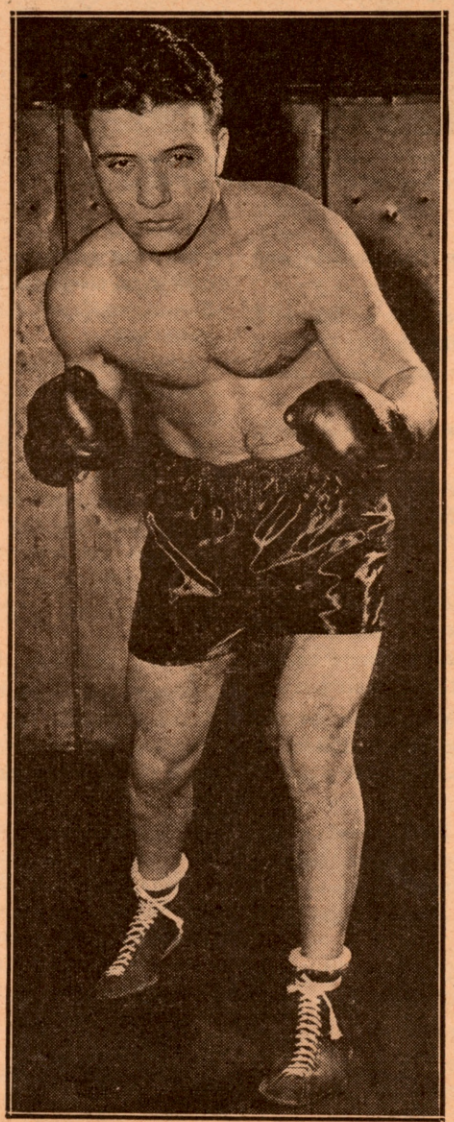
IF a boxer ranks so high above the rest of the field that he rates national recognition, his relative standing in his division is designated numerically. In all other cases, boxers have been grouped according to their ability, the calibre of their opponents, their activity, and their general standing as ordinary preliminary fighters, semi-finalists or finalists in the clubs around the country.

Thus some fighters, as was the case in many records analyzed, had a clean slate, or close to it, fought a dozen or more bouts and even scored most of their victories by knockouts, yet the opposition selected for them was clearly of such a set-up variety that they rate no better than the boy who fought fewer times, lost most of his contests, but faced keen opposition from opponents who were their equal in merit. Rolling up a string of victories on set-ups, with scarcely a first rater on the list, makes for fine publicity, but doesn't help a fighter's rating to any extent.

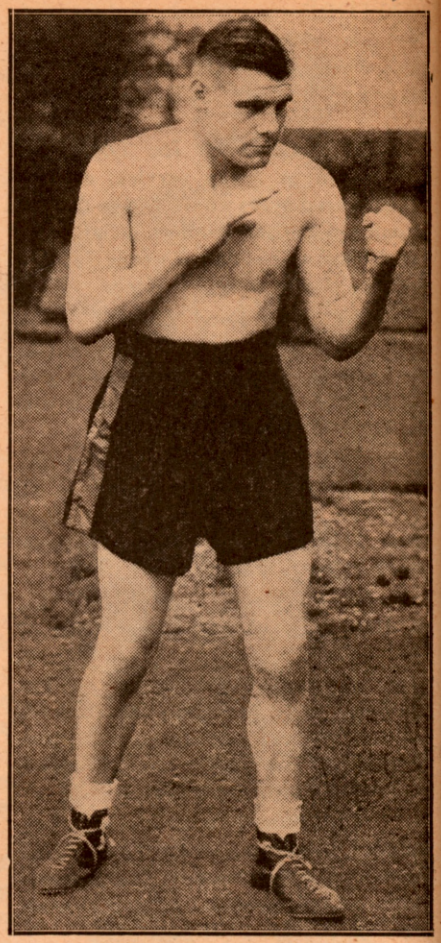
To get into the numerical rating, one must face name fighters, boys with a national reputation.

Unlike previous years, foreign fighters of note, except in the lower two divisions, are few. The majority of the best talent in the British Isles is serving in some branch of the service, and as in our country, time off for ring battles is taboo except when the soldiers are on furlough or a ship is in port.

In Cuba, a hotbed of boxing in past years, there was little activity because of the draft until recently. With the inaugura-



Jake LaMotta of New York, chosen second in middleweight ratings.



Vince Hawkins, undefeated middleweight of England, the outstanding boy in his division overseas.

tion of a new President and the appointment of a new Sports Commission with Luis Guiteriez, former manager of Kid Chocolate, at the head of the boxing division, things are beginning to hum again. Much may be expected during the new year.

Venezuela, with a new Boxing Commission of eight members, has taken a new lease of life on boxing.

Panama, with the thousands of American service men in its midst, has been a most active country for boxing. Several hundred boys are registered there as against a few dozen in pre-Pearl Harbor days. Panama has produced many good boxers in the flyweight, bantamweight and lightweight divisions and the majority of the Panamanians in those groups can hold their own against our best as they have repeatedly proved.

In this country the great addition to the boxing ranks has been brought about by an influx from the ranks of the amateurs. Hundreds of lads listed on our card index are boys who last year participated in the Golden Gloves tournaments throughout the land. Many are between 16 and 18 years of age, boys who have turned pro because of the shortage of name fighters. Most of these lads were drafted into the armed forces after a couple of fights. In New Orleans, the boxing board licensed a lad of 16, Maxie Docusen.

Of the 4382 boxers listed in our files, 2026 have been rated and 2356 were ig-

nored because they didn't get a chance to fight more than once or twice before donning the uniform. These and hundreds of others now in the service will bear watching after the war.

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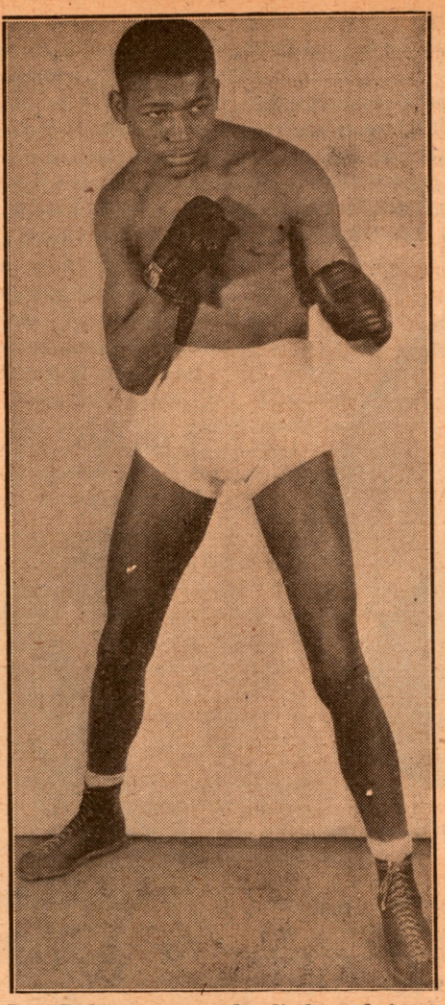
THE steady return to the pro ranks of honorably discharged fighters, consisting mostly of nationally known figures, has put an end to the shortage of name boxers, with the result that the headaches of the promoters are gone. There is now a sufficient number of first class ringmen available to enable promoters in any city to fill out a well-balanced card.

The war has proved one fallacy in boxing. Hitherto it has been the opinion of scribes and matchmakers that unless first rate talent could head a show in a big city, the financial returns would be too small to warrant staging a show.

Many of the fighters seen in action during the year are Army rejectees, men who either have been turned down by the draft boards or have been discharged shortly after joining the service. Fighters who have been so discharged, though rated useless for the armed forces, are now rated among the cream of the talent in professional boxing! Broken knuckles, lame legs, buzzes in the head, broken eardrums and sinus trouble seem to be conducive to good fighting in the ring, but according to Uncle Sam's medicos, they make poor fighters in the bigger international ring. Strange, indeed!



Ray Robinson, recently discharged from the army, rated tops among the welters.

The outlook for boxing was dark in 1942 and still darker in 1943, but Uncle Sam came to the rescue in 1944 by his release of such men as the promoters most need. The most notable fighters released during the year were Ray Robinson, Jimmy Bivins, Willie Pep, Harry Bobo, Bobby Ruffin, Georgie Kochan, Ken Overlin (who, after a comeback of four fights, retired), Coley Welch, Freddie Archer, Maxie Shapiro and Maurice Lefty LaChance. In addition, there is Johnny Greco, released by the Canadian Army, and several hundred minor boxers.

With few exceptions, those rated close to the top in the various divisions wouldn't belong in the same class with the top-flight men of pre-war days. Only a few have any real business there, but such is the calibre of the campaigners. Yet despite this lack of high grade material, clubs throughout the country are prospering as never before. Crowd pleasers rather than big name fighters is what packs 'em in and that's what the fans are getting these war days with ordinary pugilistic material.

But what boxing now lacks in classy performers is made up by honest-to-goodness contests in which, in most cases, every inch of ground has been gained by thrilling milling. Not in years have so many stirring battles of the give-and-take variety been seen as in 1944 with ordinary talent.

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MIKE JACOBS, world's outstanding promoter, drew more money during the year with ordinary talent than he did in 1943—$1,180,000 as against $1,250,000. Pairing good club fighters who normally fitted in as headliners for the average small club, Mike frequently packed Madison Square Garden with shows in which, on most occasions, outstanding pugilists were missing. The 20th Century S. C., the biggest organization for boxing in the world, failed to have any outdoor shows.

The year was marked by exceptionally poor officiating. With many of the leading referees temporarily out of the picture, many weird decisions found their way into the books. Twenty-two "no-contests" were recorded. Several decisions that had to be overruled by commissions were made. Yet, with all that, boxing experienced a great year financially.

Among the first class talent still missing from fistic competition are Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Gus Lesnevich, Tony Zale, Freddie Cochrane, Joey Maxim, Anton Christoforidis, Johnny Colan, Steve Belloise, George Sonny Horne, Jackie Wilson of California, Leo Rodak, Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery, Chester Rico and Pete Scalzo, among many others.

The new year starts with the international championship in one division, the lightweight, still open, and the featherweight title held in dispute. While New York recognizes Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia and the U.S. Army as the title holder and the N.B.A. has Juan Zurita as its champion, neither can lay claim to international honors until such time as they meet to decide the issue.

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AND now for the ratings:

In the heavyweight class, as we already have explained, Bivins, though fighting only once, takes precedence over all other heavyweights because of his victory over Lee Q. Murray, who at the time was rated second best among the leading world figures in his division. Bivins' record prior to entering the service need not be gone into. He proved his worth in every fight in which he engaged before joining the Army, and, though in the annual selections we never consider what a fighter did previous to the year under discussion, it is worth while mentioning that of the five men rated below him, he has defeated every one he met. Baksi is the only one with whom he hasn't yet clashed.

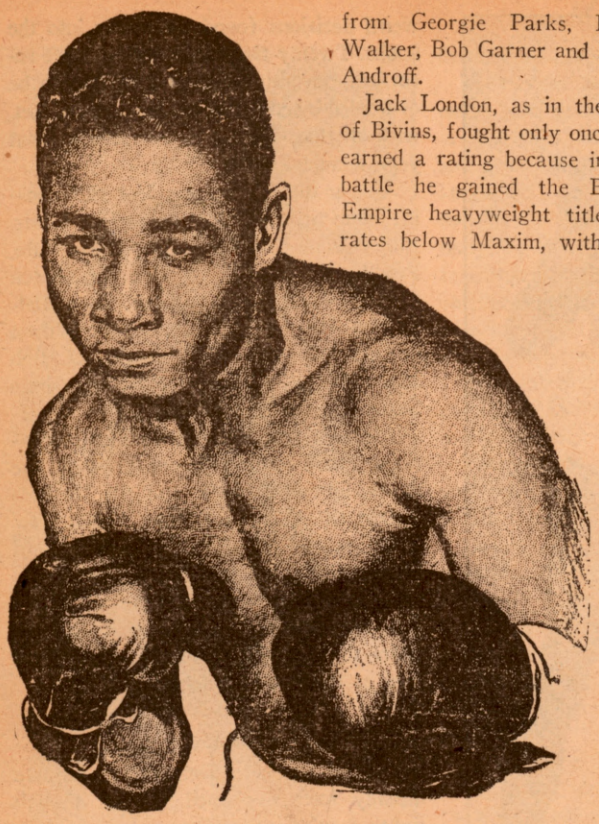
Lee Q. Murray takes precedence over Melio Bettina, because he has engaged fighters of better calibre than did the Corporal. Lee lost to Bivins, but beat Curtis Sheppard and Turkey Thompson and knocked out Buddy Walker and Yancey Henry.

Bettina won from Buddy Walker and Curtis Sheppard and stopped Johnny Vorce and Saint Thomas and beat George Parks.

Sheppard, stationed with the Signal Corps at Camp Holabird, has been making rapid strides. He had 11 fights, of which he lost three, but almost every one of his bouts has been against good talent. He won from Al Hart twice, Gus Dorazio, Big Boy Brown and Dan Merritt, and lost to Bettina, Murray and Buddy Walker. Three weeks after Walker beat him, Sheppard more than evened that score by knocking out Buddy in the eighth round. Sheppard also stopped Tony Shucco and Walker a second time. That fine record earned for him fourth ranking position.

Joe Baksi, by virtue of his victory over Tami Mauriello, is the next choice. Joe didn't show much, Mauriello being the only top fighter with whom he clashed. He lost once to Lee Savold and beat Lee on two other occasions. He stopped Dan Merritt and Buddy Knox. Lee Oma is rated next to Baksi by virtue of his victory over Mauriello, who is our seventh choice.

The knockout of Turkey Thompson by Al Hart in one round after Turkey had gone ten rounds a few weeks previously with Lee Q. Murray in Madison Square Garden, was the crowning point in Hart's fights for 1944. He lost two close ones to Curtis Sheppard, each in 12 rounds, and knocked out Harold Blackshear in one round. He is eighth choice, with Joey Maxim, now overseas, next in line. Joey had five fights, of which he won four and lost to the highly-rated Lloyd Marshall. Maxim won



Pvt. Beau Jack, who rates above Montgomery, as the leader of the lightweights.

from Georgie Parks, Buddy Walker, Bob Garner and Frank Androff.

Jack London, as in the case of Bivins, fought only once, but earned a rating because in that battle he gained the British Empire heavyweight title. He rates below Maxim, with Lou Nova, Buddy Scott and Buddy Walker following in that order.

Lou, in his comeback, engaged in 17 bouts, the record number for a top-flight heavyweight, but most of those were against ordinary talent. His outstanding contests were against Lee Oma, who whipped him; Buddy Scott, with whom he drew in 10, and Johnny Flynn, over whom he won in 10. His other opponents were Ben Moroz, Nash Garrison, Paul Hartnek, Pug Wilson, Henry Postaway, George Dixon, Colion Chaney, Don Brouillard, Jack Marshall, Johnny Denson, Jimmy Webb, Bill Peterson and Buddy Knox—not an impressive list of opponents.

Buddy Scott, Southern heavyweight king, had 11 fights, of which he won all but two. He lost to Gunnar Barlund, but also beat him twice, and drew with Nova. He stopped Herb Jones, Lotario Ramirez, Jim Bowden and Jack Marshall, and won from J. D. Turner, Barlund (twice), and Jack Marshall (twice). That record gained for him a place among the elite, as did that of Buddy Walker, who, though he often lost, fought the outstanding men of the division.

Walker beat John Vorce, Curtis Sheppard, Big Boy Brown and Yancey Henry. He knocked out Henry Jones, lost to Maxim and was stopped by Curtis Sheppard twice and by Lee Q. Murray.

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THERE is only one outstanding fighter in the light-heavy division, Lloyd Marshall. He stands out as did Billy Conn when he was tops in that section. Marshall again is the highest ranking man for the year. Eddie Booker, who retired last April after engaging in four winning fights against good opponents, receives second choice, thus indicating the poor calibre of the fighters in that division.

England's leading light-heavy, Bruce Woodcock, is our choice over Freddie Mills for third place, because of his greater activity. Bruce, according to Joe Louis, Billy Conn and The Ring's overseas correspondents, Mark Fannon, Eddie Borden and Meyer Ackerman, is a scrapper of top rank. They each have informed The Ring Editor that Bruce can hold his own against our best.

Mills was the best publicized fighter in Great Britain in many years prior to his defeat for the heavyweight title by Jack London. However, that defeat was by a fighter scaling 42 pounds more than Mills, hence doesn't affect Freddie's status as a light-heavyweight. But Mills cannot be given precedence over Woodcock on the year's records, though, in the opinion of Borden and Ackerman, Ring writers who know a good fighter when they see one, Mills would be a favorite to whip Woodcock if they meet for the British light-heavy crown.

Jack Johnson of Australia, with a clean slate against excellent talent, is next after Mills, and then comes the American-born fighter who lives in Australia, the veteran Alabama Kid.

Walter Woods, making a fine comeback, is seventh. Though Fitzie Fitzpatrick was knocked out by Watson Jones, he rates above him because Jones lost to a middleweight, Jack Chase. Jones also lost to Fitzpatrick shortly before their last meeting. Ken Overlin is our tenth man. He retired for good after winning his four bouts in a comeback attempt.

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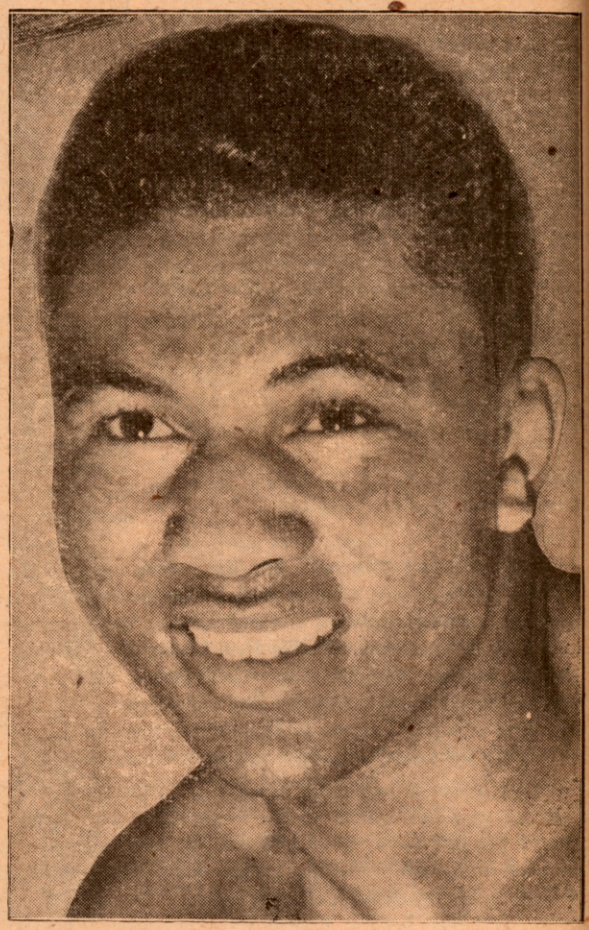
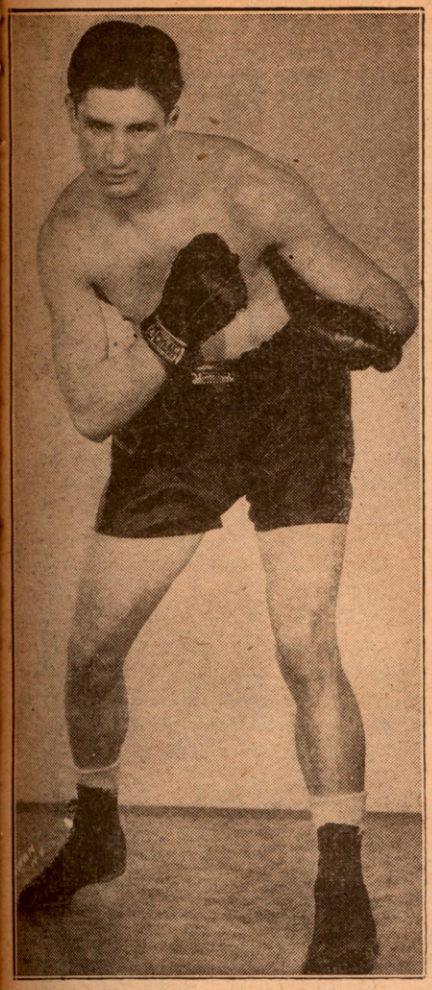
HOLMAN WILLIAMS, though defeated once, heads our middleweight division, with Jake LaMotta and Charley Burley following. Jake's idleness for a portion of the year prevented him from keeping his high ranking of the previous year when he led the field. He only recently got back into action, whereas Holman was a most active ringman and a willing fighter who took on all comers with great success.



Pvt. Bob Montgomery, listed by New York as world lightweight king, who is rated second in world selections.

England's best middleweight, Vince Hawkins, with a clean slate of 63 victories, finds a spot in this select group. He occupies sixth place, with Joe Carter and Jose Basora holding down fifth and fourth, respectively. Jack Chase, California's champion, who also won the light-heavyweight crown when he beat Watson Jones in 15 rounds, and Coley Welch of Maine, the New England title holder, complete the group of numbered fighters—the smallest this division has had since our ratings got under way.

The middleweight division was one of the most active of the year. Several hundred boys competed in this group, but most of them are fighters of ordinary ability. Cocoa Kid lost what chance he had to get a numerical rating when his recent bout with Billy Smith was called no-contest.



Sal Bartolo, N.B.A.'s featherweight king, second best in his division with Willie Pep above him.

RAY ROBINSON, who was honorably discharged from the Army and is back in ring harness, again is our No. 1 man among the welters, despite the greater activity of Henry Armstrong. Ray resumed where he left off when he was drafted. He engaged in four bouts and scored four victories. He stopped Izzy Jannazzo, a middleweight, in two; Sgt. Lou Woods in nine; Sheik Rangel in two, and won in ten from a good middleweight, Vic Dellicurti.

Below Ray comes Henry Armstrong, who is still going strong. Henry travelled the length and breadth of the land in his 1944 fistic campaign. He fought 19 times, some bouts being with top men and others with second-raters, and came through with 17 victories. He lost to Willie Joyce, whom he later defeated in a return engagement. He drew with Slugger White in 10, and later it developed that the Slugger had only one eye. He also lost to John Thomas, an outstanding California lightweight.

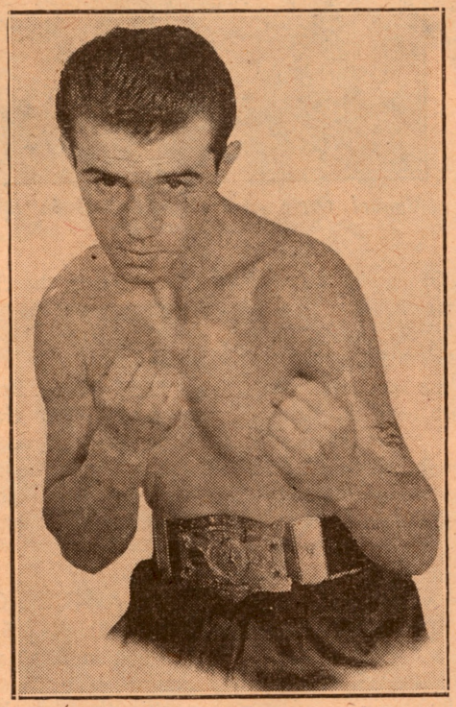
Others with whom Hank clashed were Aldo Spoldi (twice), Saverio Turiello, Lew Hanbury, Jimmy Garrison, Jackie Byrd, Ralph Zannelli (twice), Aaron Perry, Al Davis, Nick Latsios, Mike Belloise and Frankie Wills.

Tippy Larkin, fourth in line, might have finished higher had he not gone out of action from January 14 to the end of the year. He fought only four times, getting a draw with Bobby Ruffin, beating Lulu Costantino, and stopping Allie Stolz and Freddie Archer. He showed class in each of these fights, but Johnny Greco, Canadian discharged soldier, who resumed fighting in the ring on July 17, has a far better record. He fought eight times without a defeat. His two great battles with Bobby Ruffin, whom he whipped the first time and with whom he fought a vicious, thrilling draw the second time, entitle him to a place ahead of Larkin.

Greco won over Joe Matone, Oscar Suggs and Ruffin, and knocked out Cat Robinson, Phil Enzenga, Bobby Gunther and Oscar Suggs in their return engagement, besides fighting a draw with Ruffin in his last time out. The Ruffin battles alone are sufficient to gain him his high honors.

Since turning to the welter class, Greco has gained in strength and has displayed a more fiery fighting spirit and a heavier punch than before his release from the Canadian Army. His best performances were against Bobby Ruffin.

Fritzie Zivic, ring veteran now at Camp Normoyle, is sixth. Fritzie had 13 fights, of which he lost four.



Tony Olivera of San Francisco, chosen as leading bantam contender.

England takes two of the ten places in the ratings, with Arthur Danahar, seventh, and Ernie Roderick, eighth. Jimmy McDaniels, in ninth place, completes the list.

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THERE can be little doubt about the position occupied by Beau Jack. His recent defeat of Montgomery, listed by New York as its choice for world lightweight king, and Montgomery's loss to Al Davis via the K.O. route, have earned for the Southern Negro soldier the top rung of the ladder, with Montgomery next.

Willie Pep of Hartford, holder of the featherweight title and leading man in his division.

Jack engaged in seven bouts. He drew with Sammy Angott in 10, lost to Bob Montgomery in 15, dropping with the defeat the New York lightweight crown, and won from Lulu Costantino, Maxie Berger, Al Davis and Juan Zurita, the N.B.A. title holder, in a non-championship fight, then turned the tables in the huge bond show on Montgomery, gaining the decision over Bob in a 10-rounder.

Montgomery fought one time less than did Beau Jack. His greatest setback was the knockout he suffered at the hands of Al Davis in one round after which he won the New York title from Beau Jack. He beat Joey Peralta twice and knocked out Ike Williams in 12.

Juan Zurita, the N.B.A. title holder, had five bouts and won four. He lost to Beau Jack, whipped Sammy Angott in 15 to gain N.B.A. recognition, stopped Pete Lello in two, Aldo Spoldi in four, and Jerry

Moore in four—three unimpressive opponents for a champ.

John Thomas, an excellent California fighter, is fifth, with Willie Joyce of Indiana, who has done most of his fighting on the Pacific Coast, sixth.

Ike Williams, heavy-hitting Negro, who lost only one fight, is next, and Cleo Shans, whose record for the year is better than the powerful-punching Freddie Dawson, is eighth. Lulu Costantino, Ronnie James (British champ), and Maxie Shapiro follow.

In this group more names than in any other division are listed.

As in the case of Johnny Greco, Ruffin receives his high rating because of his two great thrillers with Johnny. Prior to those two engagements, Ruffin's record was no better than that of a number of the others listed from sixth to tenth place, but in those battles, he showed fighting courage, a will to carry on despite reverses, science and hitting power, and has now taken his place among America's best fistic drawing cards.

He has brought back to the boxing game the fighting spirit of the Irish and has earned for himself a post high among the leaders. Bobby had only six bouts. He was idle from January 14 to October 2 because of his stretch in the Army, from which he was recently discharged, but since October, he has made considerable headway, especially by his splendid performances in the bouts with Greco.

He knocked out Leo Francis and Vince Dell 'Orto and won from Lew Maxwell—ordinary contests—then lost a close one to Greco and drew with him in the year's two outstanding battles for thrills.

Johnny Thomas' victories over Willie Joyce, Harry Teaney and Henry Armstrong, after losing to Hank (that loss being his only one in 12 bouts), has gained for him the spot above Willie Joyce, in fifth place. Willie takes precedence over Ike Williams because of his ten-round victory over Ike.

Williams has an excellent record. He fought 19 times and he lost only twice—to Bob Montgomery, who stopped him in 12, and to Joyce. He fought the cream of his division. He knocked out Joey Peralta, won from Slugger White, stopped Mike Delia, beat Sammy Angott twice, put Cleo Shans away in ten, stopped Dave Castilloux (Canadian lightweight and welterweight king), put Freddie Dawson away when Fred was at his peak, and won from Costantino, among others.

Shans had a dozen battles and lost two, to Ike Williams and a disputed decision to Jackie Wilson in Washington.

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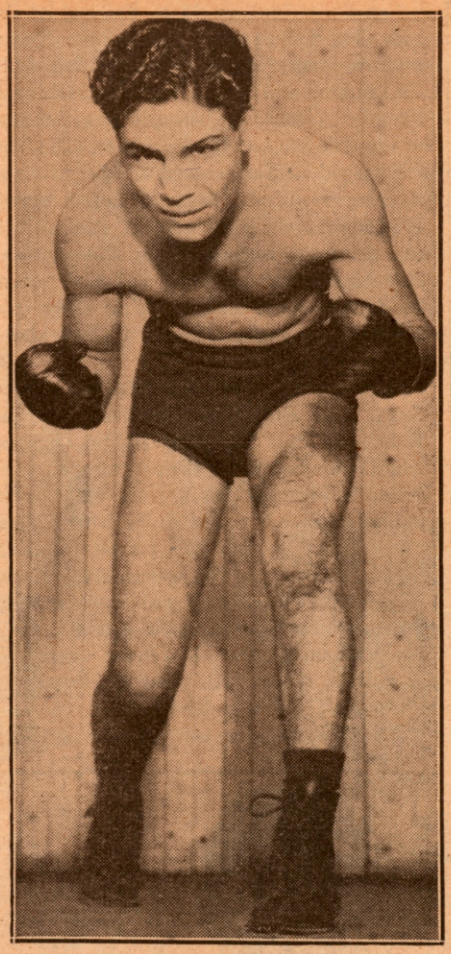
WHILE the National Boxing Association continues to belittle the claim of Willie Pep to world honors in the featherweight class and holds that Sal Bartolo, its choice, is the champion, international recognition belongs rightfully to Pep and so he is designated by THE RING in its ratings. He heads the group because he is the legitimate title holder and because his record is superior to that of any other fighter in the division. At this writing Pep has fought 90 professional battles, has won all but one, and has never engaged in a draw. He is the cream of the feathers.

Chalky Wright, who had a chance at world honors and was twice defeated by Pep, rates behind Bartolo as the No. 3 man, with Phil Terranova and Al Phillips, a classy British fighter, next in line.

Terranova, former N.B.A. title holder, engaged in 15 contests and lost three, two of which were to the man who beat him for the crown—Sal Bartolo. The other was against Vince Dell 'Orto,



Manuel Ortiz who outranks all in the bantam section.

whom he later defeated. He has g his second wind and is rapidly for to the challenger's post for another either at the world title or the N championship. His recent draw Harry Jeffra was his best performa

Phillips has taken part in 11 bouts w out a defeat chalked up against him against Great Britain's best talent. won over such good fighters as Kid T ner, Tommy Davies, Ben Duffy (twi and Tommy McGlinchey, whom he twice, winning the first time in e rounds and then halting Tommy in ei

Enrique Bolanos made an excellent pression when he fought in the East. only defeat in nine bouts was a kay the hands of Manuel Ortiz, bantam k in six rounds. He whipped Tony Oliv twice, and scored impressively over W tling Willie Roache in Madison Squ Garden.

One of the numerically rated lads Charley Cabey Lewis, who had 15 c tests, of which he lost five, two to world champion, Willie Pep. Larry B vin, Vince Dell 'Orto and Hi Ho Sil also scored over him but he later b Silver.

Roache had 22 bouts and lost five. dropped two of these to Sal Bartolo, second one in an N.B.A. title bout Boston. Larry Bolvin, Bolanos and Pa Brandino also whipped him.

Danny Webb, Canadian soldier ov seas, whose sensational rise within past two months has been the talk the British sportswriters, has gained place among the elite. He is given ninth post. Had the refe not tossed out his bout with Kid Tanner, declaring it "no-conte he would have been rated among the first six. That bout ruin his record.

Nel Tarleton, British champ, had only three fights, but is giv preference over Harry Jeffra, former king of the division, w is making progress in his third comeback. Jeffra is our te choice. Harry had ten bouts and lost only one, to Cleo Sha He drew with Terranova. Carlos Chavez of the Army and You Finnegan of Panama round out the list.

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MANUEL ORTIZ, world champion, heads the bantam He is a fighting title holder, one of the best the divisi has had in many years. He is followed by Tony Olivera a Sammy Reynolds, star British bantam. Lou Salica, former cha now in the Army, had sufficient bouts to enable him to take do fourth place, with Rush Dalma and Kui Kong Young of Haw following in that order.

Ortiz's record for the year shows 10 bouts, with one loss, t to Willie Pep in 10 rounds. He defended his title successfu against Ernesto Aguilar, Tony Olivera and Luis Castillo (twice stopped Pee Wee Louis in nine and Enrique Bolanos in six, a in addition won from Larry Bolvin, Carlos Chavez and Loren Safora of Cuba.

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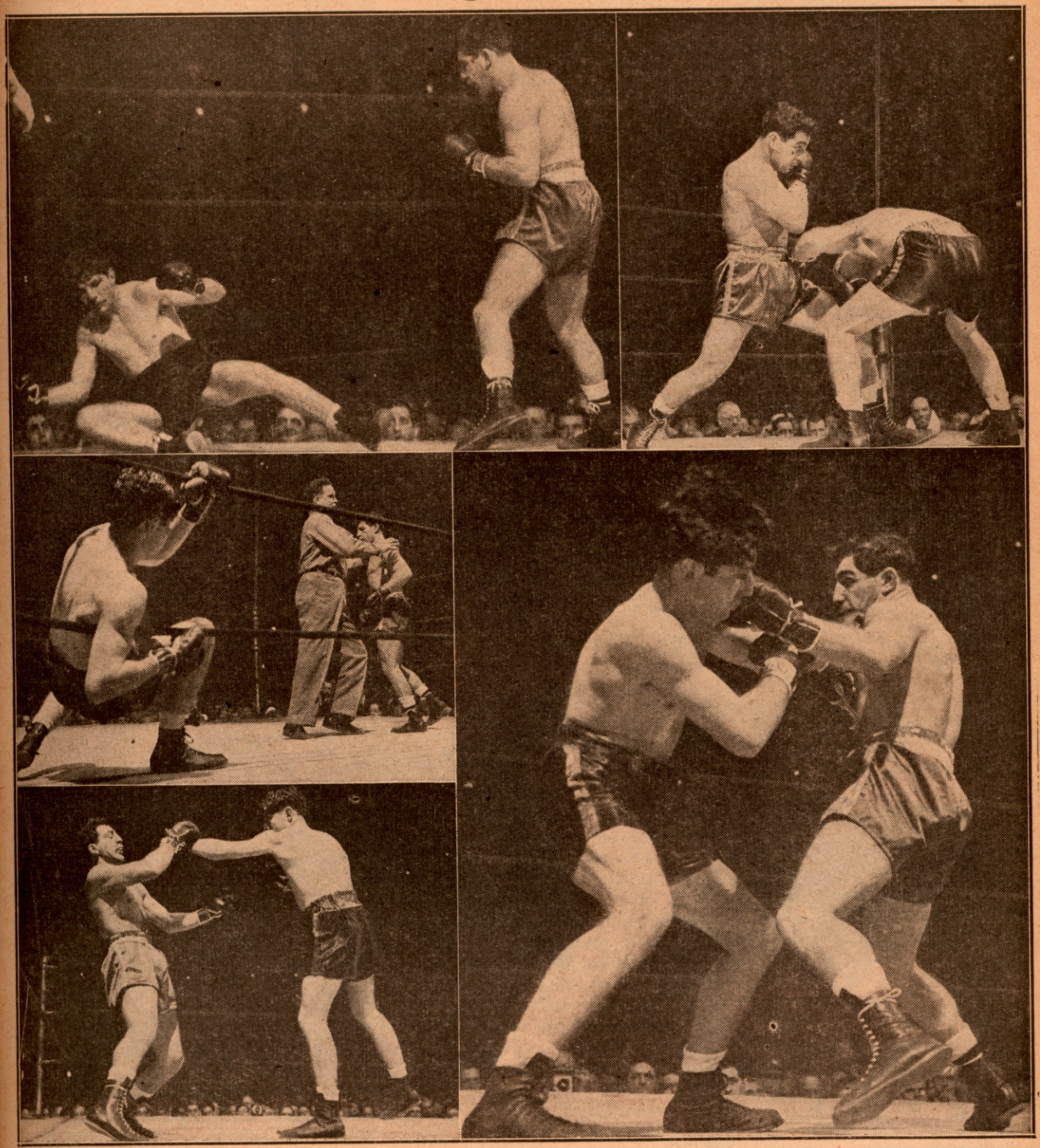
ALTHOUGH Jackie Paterson was beaten by Danny We when an injured arm forced Jackie to retire, and then w knocked out by Ben Duffy, he still holds the highest honors in t flyweight class.

The division is dominated by British fighters, who rule the roo with eight places out of ten. Dado Marino and Little Dado, form Hawaii title holder who retired several months ago but was acti early during the year, are the two American boxers who sha the honors with the many British lads in the 112-pound cla

An Outstanding Bout of the Year



Top Row, Left—The first knockdown in the fight between Bobby Ruffin and Johnny Greco. Bobby was floored in the sixth round and took a count of three. Lower, Right—An exchange of rapid lefts to the face in the second round. Note the calmness of Bobby. Center Panel, Left—The seventh round knockdown of Ruffin by Greco. This time Bobby leaped to his feet at the count of one and tore into his opponent with a vengeance. Lower, Left—Ruffin coolly jabbing Greco off balance in the ninth round when Ruffin took a commanding lead. As the fight neared the finish, it was Bobby who had the upper hand. Upper, Right—Greco's furious attack in the fourth round has Ruffin seeking cover.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN was the scene of one of the three best fights of the year when Johnny Greco and Bobby Ruffin clashed in a ten rounder the latter part of November. Their contest, a thriller, was dubbed by most fight fans as the outstanding battle of the year in the House that Tex Built. Greco celebrated his debut as a full-fledged welterweight by gaining the unanimous decision over his stout-hearted opponent, but the Canadian had a close call.

16,100 persons paid $55,760 to see these two honorably discharged soldiers battle for every inch of the ground. Greco floored Bobby in the fourth and seventh rounds, then wilted under a savage attack by his rival who swarmed all over him in the last three rounds.

Ruffin showed extreme gameness as he took all that the hard-hitting Canadian could offer and then came back to lambast Greco. In the ninth, Bobby's best round, he staggered Greco with an assortment of blows until the bell came to Johnny's rescue. For a time it appeared that Ruffin might knock out his opponent.

THREE CHAMPIONS IN 1944 CONTESTS

Willie Pep, Manuel Ortiz and Jackie Paterson Retained No. 1 Berths in Lighter Divisions—Louis, Lesnevich, Zale and Cochrane in Service, Titles Frozen

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

IN presenting its ratings of the boxers of the world on the basis of work done in 1944, THE RING Magazine makes its obeisance to the great fighters who are missing from the roster because they are in the service.

THE RING Magazine has encountered two diametrically opposed schools of thought as regards our champions in the armed forces.

One coterie would have us rate the title holders who are in the service No. 1, automatically, in their divisions. This would nullify the ratings which—once again we stress it—are based not on what has been achieved in past years of what we think a boxer could do if given the chance, but on actual ring accomplishment during 1944.

Another group would have the champions who are in the service superseded by what they would call wartime title holders. In this scheme, THE RING Magazine is not now, nor ever has been, interested. It will continue to exert its every influence against hoisting phony champions to the pedestals which rightfully belong to our real champions, our title holders in the uniform of Uncle Sam.

There are promoters who, in the interest of current profits, would set up these wartime champions. They ought to be ashamed of themselves.

Gus Lesnevich, world light-heavyweight title holder.

With all respect for the past achievements, for the reputations and the current patriotic services of our frozen champions, THE RING Magazine cannot rate those who in 1944 did not participate in open competition. Incidentally, we do not regard the affairs in which Joe Louis has been appearing as anything more than exhibitions.

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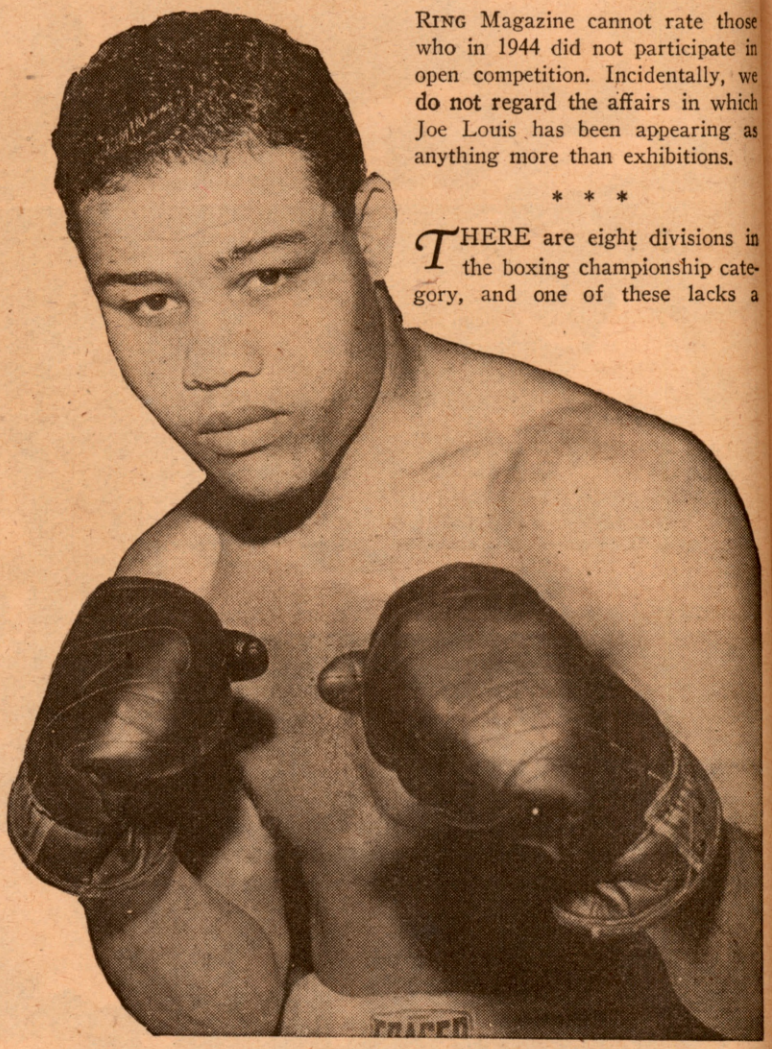
THERE are eight divisions in the boxing championship category, and one of these lacks a recognized title holder. It is the lightweight section.



Joe Louis, world heavyweight king.

One year ago, THE RING Magazine held out for consideration of Sammy Angott—who had retired and come back—on a par with Beau Jack at the top. Now, Angott no longer is to be reckoned with. The issue is among Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery, and Juan Zurita, the Mexican. It is to be deplored that Zurita will not come East to settle the dispute.

Zurita met Beau Jack in New York in an overweight match, and was beaten. It now behooves Zurita to come back and enter the ring at the lightweight limit in an elimination series.

Of the seven recognized world title holders, only three took part in open competition during the year 1944. They are Willie Pep, featherweight king, discharged from the Navy; Manuel Ortiz, bantam champion, the only recognized world title holder who through the entire year was in civilian competition, and

Tony Zale, the world leader among the middleweights.

Jackie Paterson, of the RAF, the flyweight title holder, who had four fights this past year.

Paterson beat Ben Duffy twice and knocked out Ronnie Clayton, but was stopped in the third, in an overweight match, by Danny Webb, who scaled at 123½.

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WILLIE PEP, discharged from the Navy in February, 1944, engaged in 16 fights during the year, his most recent one on December 5, when he won from the aging Chalky Wright. On September 29, in the Garden in New York, Wright made his bid for the featherweight title and was outpointed by Pep in 15 rounds. Sixteen fights, sixteen victories, with two knockouts—Joey Bagnato, in two, Charley Cabey Lewis, in eight.

Ortiz, who kept meeting all comers in 1943, had 10 fights in 1944, and won nine. His only failure came in the ten rounder with the bigger and heavier Pep.

So much for the three recognized champions who fought during the year. Here is a list of the champions of the world who face the year 1945 with their titles in their mitts, the four top weight men in the service, waiting for the word to get back into civilian competition:

Heavyweight—Joe Louis, U. S. Army.
Light-heavyweight—Gus Lesnevich, Coast Guard.
Middleweight—Tony Zale, U. S. Navy.
Welterweight—Freddie Cochrane, U. S. Navy.
Lightweight—No recognized champion.
Featherweight—Willie Pep, ex-U. S. Navy.
Bantamweight—Manuel Ortiz, civilian.
Flyweight—Jackie Paterson, RAF.

THE RING's ratings for 1944 show three of these champions rated No. 1—Pep, Ortiz and Paterson. The other four—well, they are doing a far better and far more vital job than the men whom THE RING has ranked No. 1 in their respective divisions.

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THE fight waiting for the war to be over, the one contest everybody wants to see, the battle that will fill any arena in this country, is the return engagement between Top Sergeant Joe Louis and Corp. Billy Conn.

There has been talk of a fight between them before the end of the war.

THE RING Magazine is in no position to know what the brass hats of the Army have in mind. For the entertainment of our Yank conquerors of Germany, General Eisenhower might ask Louis and Conn to fight for the championship in the stadium in Berlin or in the Olympic arena near Paris.

Freddie Cochrane, world champion among the welterweights.

But in so far as civilian promotion of a world heavyweight championship fight is concerned—civilian promotion while Louis and Conn still are in the Army—that may be regarded as mere wishful thinking by Mike Jacobs.

The fans would like to see Gus Lesnevich defend his light-heavyweight title against Lloyd Marshall, who for the last two years has maintained a fine record.

The customers also would be delighted to shell out ad lib if they could see Tony Zane defend the middleweight championship against Holman Williams, with Jake LaMotta another factor in that situation.

Among the welters, the standout match for as soon as the war is over would throw Freddie Cochrane against Ray Robinson.

About the lightweight situation, we already have written. Bob Montgomery vs. Juan Zurita, winner against Beau Jack.

There should be a fight between Willie Pep and Sal Bartolo, to satisfy the dear old NBA, which still, for some unknown reason, cannot see the clarity of Willie's right to the world championship.

In the meantime, the greatest boxing boom in the history of the sport is shaping up. When this war is over, there will be a tremendous impetus in all sports in this country. Millions of men who, as civilians, never showed keen interest in sports, will return as ardent boxing fans.

In the boxing boom, new stars will shine, new heroes will rise, and new champions will be crowned.

But, until that boom generates in a world of peace, our best to the "frozen champions" of the world, our star boxers in the service.

How Boxers *of the* World *are* Grouped *by* "The Ring" for 1944

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Heavyweight Division

World Champion

Joe Louis, Detroit and U. S. Army (Title Frozen)

1—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio.
2—Lee Q. Murray, Norwalk, Va.
3—Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y. and U. S. Army.
4—Curtis Sheppard, Baltimore, Md. and U. S. Army.
5—Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa.
6—Lee Oma, Detroit, Mich.
7—Tami Mauriello, New York.
8—Al Hart, Washington, D. C.
9—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O. and U. S. Army.
10—Jack London, British Royal Air Force (British Empire Champion)
11—Lou Nova, Van Nuys, Cal.
12—Buddy Scott, Tampa, Fla.
13—Jack Buddy Walker, Columbus, O. and U. S. Army.

(Group 1)

Gunnar Barlund, Finland; Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Alfred (Big Boy) Brown, Detroit, Michigan; Perk Daniels, Chicago, Illinois; Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Johnny Flynn, Rochester, N. Y.; Sgt. Tommy Gomez, Tampa, Fla.; Buddy Knox, U. S. Army; Larry Lane, Trenton, N. J.; Alberto Lovell, Argentine; Jack Marshall, Dallas, Texas; Billy Nitchy, Buffalo, N. Y.; Dixie Oliver, Washington, D. C.; George Parks, Washington, D. C.; Rusty Payne, San Diego, Cal.; Lee Savold, Paterson, N. J.; Fred Schott, Paterson, N. J.

Tony Shucco, Boston, Mass.; Alec Stanton, Australia; Joe Sutka, Wyandotte, Ind.; St. Thomas (Thomas Reed), New York; Howard Thompson, Saugus, Mass.; Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, Cal.; J. D. Turner, Decatur, Texas.

Pat Valentino, San Francisco, Cal.; Johnny Vorce, Detroit, Mich.; Clayton Worlds, Chicago, Illinois; Dusty Wilkerson, Philadelphia, Pa.

(Group 2)

Dee Amos, Durham, N. C.; Harold Blackshear, San Francisco, Cal.; Laurient Bouchard, Montreal; Jimmy Carollo, New York; Colion Chaney, Indianapolis, Ind.; Danny Cox, New York; Wallace Cross, Newark, N. J.; Ralph De John, Syracuse, N. Y.; Felix Del Paolo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Delaney, Toronto and Canadian Army Overseas.

Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Jimmy Gardner (Harris Johnson), Camden, N. J.; Steve Dudas, Edgewater, N. J.

Johnny Haynes, Detroit, Mich.; Walter Hafer, U. S. Marines; Yancy Henry, Alabama; Henry Jones, New York; Tim Heffernan, San Francisco, Cal.

Al Jordan, Chicago; Earl Lowman, Washington, D. C.; Art McAlpine, Springfield, Mass.; Lee McNabb, Australia; Newsboy Millich, Sacramento, Cal.; Dan Merritt, Chicago; Fernando Menichelli, Argentine.

Big Ben Moroz, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dixie Oliver, Washington, D. C.; Bill Petersen, East Chicago, Ind.

Lothario Ramirez, Juarez, Mexico; Sgt. Tom Reddington, Manchester, Eng.; Willie Reddish, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Robinson, Leeds, Eng.; Jackie Saunders, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ken Shaw, Wales; Bob Smith, New York; Jimmy Webb, Galveston, Tex.; Johnny White, Jersey City, N. J.

(Group 3)

Frank Androff, Minneapolis, Minn.; Jimmy Bell, Washington, D. C.; Stoker (Tiny) Berry, Australia; Dan Biggers, Baltimore, Md.; Al Blake, Baltimore, Md.; Sgt. Bob Blevins, Marysville, Cal.; Don Brouillard, Minneapolis, Minn.; Clark Ellsworth, Tulsa, Okla.; Ray Clark, Indianapolis, Ind.; Whitey Clark, Baltimore, Md.

Battling Colima, Tucson, Ariz.; Johnny Davis, Brooklyn; John D. Donnelly, Kansas City, Mo.; Claude Ellison, Des Moines, Iowa; Cleo Everett, Hawaii; Gene Felton, Los Angeles, Cal.; Gene Finks, Akron, O.; Jimmy Foster, Oneida, N. Y.

Joe Fredericks, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Fulton, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tony Gillo, New Haven, Conn.; High Glass, California; Billy Gilbert, St. Louis; Star Harvey, Chicago; Paul Hartnek, Omaha, Neb.

Bill Lewis, Honolulu, Hawaii; Silent Joe Hill, Fresno, Cal.; Ira Hughes, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Eddie Jackson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Austin Johnson, Atlantic City, N. J.; Herb Jones, Indianapolis, Ind.; King Kong, Baltimore, Md.; Pete Lako, Fresno, Cal.

Kid Larry, Oakland, Cal.; Louis Long, Chicago, Ill.; Pete Louthis, Hawaii; Steve Ludman, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ardis Mack, Cal.; Mack Ortiz, Cal.; Carrington McNutt, Baltimore, Md.; Gene Mockens, Ft. Wayne; Johnny Martin, Waterbury, Conn.; Glen Moody, Wales; Leonard Nix, Cal.

Jack O'Sullivan, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Bobby Parsons, Washington, D. C.; Al Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Vince Pimpinelli, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jack Polee, Baltimore, Md.; Billy Reed, Los Angeles, Cal.

Rocky Ernie Rios, Hawaii; Ben Russ, Atlantic City, N. J.; Tommy Russell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sgt. Sanchez, U. S. Army; Tom Schenck, Passaic, N. J.; Nolan Sharp, Los Angeles, Cal.

James Tiger Sheppard, Houston, Tex.; Al Sheridan, Kansas City, Kan.; Al Small, Elwood, Ind.; Joe Soh, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lorenzo Strickland, New York; Gilbert Stromquist, Texas; Lowell Strong, Hawaii; Blondy Frank Thomas, Hawaii; Walter Thomas, New York; Bobby Thomas, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Truck, Paterson, N. J.

Ben Tyler, New York; Domingo Valin, Hayward, Cal.; Big Tiger Wade, San Francisco, Cal.; Al Ware, Oakland, Cal.; Eddie White, Oklahoma; Jim Whitest, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ernest Williams, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Williams, Chicago, Ill.; Rufus Williams, Detroit, Mich.; Sam Williams, Hawaii; Wee Willie Williams, Detroit, Mich.; Pug Wilson, Gary, Ind.; Nate Wright, New York; Harry Zeiler (Harry Zeller), Baltimore, Maryland.

Light-heavyweight Division

World Champion

Gus Lesnevich, Clifton, N. J. and U. S. Coast Guard (Title Frozen)

1—Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Cal.
2—Eddie Booker, San Francisco, Cal.
3—Bruce Woodcock, Great Britain.
4—Freddie Mills, Great Britain.
5—Jack Johnson, Australia.
6—Alabama Kid, Australia.
7—Walter Woods, New York.
8—Fitzie Fitzpatrick, Cleveland, Ohio.
9—Watson Jones, Los Angeles, Cal.
10—Ken Overlin, Washington, D. C.

(Group 1)

Lou Bass, Craddock, Pa.; Howard Bennett, Baltimore, Md.; Cruz Costello, U. S. Army, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Young Frisco, Australia; Bob Garner, Louisville, Ky.; Jim Gray, Australia; Billy Grant, Orange, N. J.; Bob Jacobs, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Kahut, Portland, Ore.; Georgie Kochan, New York; Jimmy Nelson, Cleveland, O.; Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien (James Riley), Baltimore, Md.; Ross Pippett, Australia; Teddy Randolph, Australia; Kid Tunero, Cuba.

(Group 2)

Herman Badger, New Haven, Conn.; Jack Coggins, San Diego, Cal.; Paul Doyle, Los Angeles, Cal.; Silent Escobar, San Francisco, California; Howard Fenske, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Tommy Garland, Culver City, Cal.; Oscar Goode, Newark, N. J.; Prentiss Hall, Buffalo, N. Y.; Bob Jacobs, Philadelphia, Pa.

Herbie Katz, Brooklyn; Buddy Millard, Houston, Tex.; Battling Monroe, Springfield, Mass.; Jimmy Mulligan, Lowell, Mass.; Leo Nibert, Los Angeles, Cal.; Pvt. Hank Postaway, Scott Field; Billy Smith, California; Eddie Taylor, Detroit, Mich.; Buddy Thomas, Washington, D. C.; Jack Young, Australia.

(Group 3)

Jerry (Schoolboy) Berthiaume, Montreal, Can.; Nate Bolden, Chicago, Ill.; Johnny Clark, New London, Conn.; Benny Deathpaine (Benny Paine), St. Louis, Mo.; Danny Devlin, Allentown, Pa.; Billy Duncan, Alexandria, Va.

Verne Esco, Toronto, Canada; James Fitzjames, Canton, O.; John Harrison, California; Jack Hibbard, Portland, Ore.; Andy Holland, New York; Larry Kellum, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Stoney Lewis, Washington, D. C.

Joe Butch Lynch, Plainfield, N. J.; Sam Maltemps, Manchester, N. H.; Art McWhorter, Gary, Ind.; Jack Marr, Australia; Frank Pluto, Australia; Pvt. James Polk, Camp Kilmer, N. J.; Tommy Pope, New York; Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland, O.; Jimmy Russo, West Warwick, Conn.; Al Stephany, White Plains, N. Y.; Ross Strickland, New York; Waddell Washington, Worcester, Mass.; Tommy Woodward, Columbus, O.

(Group 4)

Ace of Spades, San Franciseo, Cal.; Ray Acosta, Los Angeles, Cal.; Allen Arnett, San Francisco, Cal.; Charlie Bachofen, Manchester, Conn.; Howard Berger, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mose Brown, McKeesport, Pa.; Ted Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jack Butler, Cal.; Al Carpenter, U. S. Navy; Wild Bill Deering, Harrisburg, O.; Randy Drew, Newark, N. J.

Johnny Flores, San Diego, Cal.; Leo Green, San Francisco, Cal.; Mickey Green, New York; Jim Grinnage, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bob Hall, Boston, Mass.; Ted Harrison Philadelphia, Pa.; Russ Hawkins, Jamaica; Jack Hawks, Hartford, Conn.; Herman Hayes, Chicago, Ill.; Johnny Henry, San Francisco, Cal.; Pedro Hermosillo, Obregon, Mexico.

Teddy Horton, Philadelphia; Lee Jackson, New Britain, Conn.; Arthur Jeter, Washington, D. C.; Mateo Jiminez, Cal.; Young Johnson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Billy Jones, Camden, N. J.; Willie Johnson, Los Angeles; Charlie Jones, New York; J. I. Jones, Hawaii; Johnny (Biff) Jones, Hartford, Conn.; Tommy Jordan, Boston, Mass.; Eddie Keller, Oakland, Cal.; Bill Kendrick, New York.

Nick Kirsch, Baltimore, Md.; Al Laboa, San Jose, Cal.; Tom Laming, Australia; Jimmy Long, Chester, Pa.; Everett Lopez, San Diego, Cal.; Joe Mack, San Diego, Cal.; Nick Manfredo, Baltimore, Md.; Rudy Marshall, Brooklyn.

Russ Metcalf, Cal.; Al Mitchell, Lackawanna, Pa.; Leonard Mitchell, Baltimore, Md.; Tom Mitchell, Australia; Gil Mojica, Coast Guard; Johnny Morris, New York; Charley Polk, St. Louis, Mo.; Ernie Pope, Washington, D. C.

Harold Reiss, Detroit, Mich.; Danny Risko, Hartford, Conn.; Booker Robinson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ken Schelly, Reading, Pa.; Carl Schultz, Hartford, Conn.; Johnny Seaman, Quincy, Mass.; Sam Shumway, Boston, Mass.

Ray Standifer, Cleveland, O.; Joe Stepko, Minneapolis, Minn.; Neil Stokes, St. Louis, Mo.; Leon Szymurski, Chester, Pa.; John Thomas, New York; Bruce Thomas, Chicago, Ill.; Vecie Van, Milwaukee, Wis.; Larry Watson, Omaha, Neb.; Gary Williams, Newark, N. J.; Tiger Williams, Australia.

Middleweight Division

World Champion

Tony Zale, Gary, Ind. and U. S. Navy. (Title Frozen)

1—Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich.
2—Jake LaMotta, New York.
3—Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4—Jose Basora, Puerto Rico.
5—Joe Carter, Rome, N. Y.
6—Vince Hawkins, Great Britain.
7—Jack Chase, Wallensburg, Colo.
8—Coley Welch, Portland, Me.
9—Marcel Cerdan, France.

(Group 1)

Kid Azteca, Mexico City; Joe Bennett, New York; Marvin Bryant; Dallas, Tex.; Henry Chmielewski, Portland, Me.; Cocoa Kid, New Haven, Conn.; Tommy Davies, Wales; Vic Dellicurti, New York; Buddy (Carl) Farrell, Brooklyn; Johnny Finazzo, Baltimore, Md.; Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn; Larry Fontana, Brooklyn; Billy Fox, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ceferino Garcia, Philippines; Bert Gilroy, Scotland; Freddie Graham, New York; Ossie (Bulldog) Harris, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Al Hostak, U. S. Army; Sam Hughes, Detroit, Mich.; Izzy Jannazzo, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mad Anthony Jones, Richmond, Va.; Jack Kirkham, Australia; Kenny LaSalle, Venice, Cal.; Berlie Lanier, Philadelphia, Pa.

Artie Levine, U. S. Marines; Art Lind, U. S. Army, Hawaii; Jerry Maloni, Springfield, Mass.; Dave McCleve, England; Van McNutt, New York; Coolidge Miller, New York; Archie Moore, San Diego, Cal.; Jack McNamee, Australia; Frankie Nelson, Boston, Mass.; Mario Rio Ochoa, Cuba; Paulie Peters, San Francisco, Cal.; Gene Pinter, McAdoo, Pa.; Ruddy (Buddy) Richardson, Newark, N. J.; Joe Reddick, Paterson, N. J.; Ray Rovelli, Newark, N. J.; Dave Sands, Australia; Ruben Shank, U. S. Coast Guard; Wilfe Shanks, Montreal, Canada; Sgt. Ellis Stewart, Baltimore, Md.

Ossie Stewart, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Frankie Terry, Brooklyn; Al Tribuani, U. S. Army, Wilmington, Del.; Aaron Tiger Wade, San Francisco, Cal.; Bob Wade, Newark, N. J.; Sgt. Johnny Walker, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kenny Watkins, Los Angeles, Cal.; Alan Westbury, Australia.

(Group 2)

Joe Albanese, Boston, Mass.; Joey Albino, Oregon; Frankie Angustain, Mexico; Larry Anzalone, Brooklyn; Al Barbour, San Francisco, Cal.; Lou Bass, Baltimore, Md.; Russell Baxter, U. S. Army; Young Brown Bomber, New Bedford, Mass.; Billy Brown (Frank Zegima), Hartford, Conn.; Doug Brown, Australia; Ben Brown, New York; Gene Buffalo, Washington, D. C.; Cpl. Douglas Bygrave, England.

Freddie Cabral, Cambridge, Mass.; John Carter, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charley Cato, Oakland, Cal.; Johnny Clements, Scotland; Tommy Colteaux, Australia; Arnold Deer, Indianapolis, Ind.; Johnny Diaz, Hawaii; George Duke, Petaluma, Cal.

Hank Egli, Vancouver, Can.; George Elliott, Australia; Jim Elliott, Baltimore, Md.; Ted Gordon, New York.

Henry Hall, New Orleans, La.; Vern Heinrich, Australia; Colin Hoddy, Australia; Tee Hubert, Washington, D. C.; Frankie Jamison, New York; Ben Johnson, Houston, Tex.; Tiger Louis Jones (Horace Jones), Augusta, Ga.; Howell King, Detroit, Mich.; Deacon Nathan Logan, St. Louis, Mo.; Paddy Lyons, Dewsbury, Eng.; Boyo Mallon, British Royal Navy.

Jimmy Mandell, Buffalo, N. Y.; Wild Bill McDowell, Paterson, N. J.; Danny McMillan (Cosby Linson), Mobile, Ala.; Charley McPherson, Brooklyn; Owen Moase, Australia; Larney Moore, Hempstead, L. I.

Pat O'Connor, Ireland; Steve Norrich, Australia; Leroy Pate, Oakland, Cal.; Mickey Pease, Portland, Oregon; Jimmy Pierce, Milwaukee, Wis.; Sampson Powell, Cleveland, O.; Tony Reno, Chicago, Ill.; Edward Robinson, California; Flash Sebastian, Hawaii; Lou Schwartz, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Newton Smith, Germantown, Pa.; Mike Sopko, Indianapolis, Ind.; Roman Starr, Tulsa, Okla.;

Milo Theodorescu, New York; Ron Walsh, Australia.

Bee Bee Washington, Washington, D. C.; Junior Washington, San Diego, Cal.; J. C. Wilkins, Hartford, Conn.; Freddie Wilson, New York; Jackie Wilson, Liverpool, Eng.; Jack Wilson, Leeds, Eng.; Frankie Young, New Haven, Conn.

(Group 3)

Gaspare Abruzzo, U. S. Navy; Joe Agosta, Brooklyn; Danny Aldrich, Newark, N. J.; Lou Angelucci, Chicago, Ill.; Sam Baccala, Baltimore, Md.; Fred Bailey, Nashville, Tenn.; Otto Blackwell, Homestead, Pa.; Bobby Brown, Washington, D. C.; Collins Brown, Chicago, Ill.; Jimmy Brown, Eureka, Cal.; Willie Butler, San Francisco, Cal.; Rudy Campa, Los Angeles, Cal.; Joe Carter, Jamaica, L. I.; Jimmy Clark, Buffalo, New York.

Bob Clark, Australia; Bobby Coglan, Australia; Jackie Cohen, Belleville, N. J.; Willie Collins, California; Billy Cooper, Cleveland, O.; Walter Cunningham, New York; Bobby Dance, Brooklyn; Lee Datts, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Del Gatto, Brooklyn; Langston Dennis, New York; Speedy Du Vall, Allentown, Pa.; Jerry Dwyer, Australia; Caesar Ferro, Hawaii; Davey Seld, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Johnny Eaton, Detroit, Mich.; Freddie Flores, Jamaica, L. I.; Sailor George Fulton, California; Tommy Fusari, Irvington, N. J.; Harold Gary, New York; Ritchie Gibbons, Springfield, Mass.; Bobby Giles, Lackawanna, Pa.; Al Harrison, Brooklyn.

George Humes, Hartford, Conn.; Eddie Jackson, Detroit, Mich.; Charlie Knock, England; Jerry LaStarza, Bradley Field; Johnny Lawer, Cleveland, Ohio; Bradley Lewis, New York; R. J. Lewis, Denver, Col.; Benny McCoombs, Flint, Mich.; Sidney Miller, Youngstown, O.

Bobby Montoya, El Paso, Tex.; Jack Moran, England; Bishop Murphy, Chicago; Paddy Nolan, England; Buster Peaks, Detroit, Mich.; Lew Perez, Puerto Rico; Wayne Powell, Australia; Armando Rodriguez, El Paso, Tex.; Eddie Rossi, Boston, Mass.; Ritchie Sands, Australia; Eddie Saunders, New York; Ralph Tiovelli (Eddie Steele), Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Nick Toretto, New York.

LeRoy Wade, San Francisco, Cal.; Bill Webber, Portland, Me.; Jimmy Willis, Wilmington, Del.; George Sonny Wilson, Detroit, Mich.; Alonzo Williams, Los Angeles, Cal.; Louis Wise, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dom Youvella, Poughkeepsie, New York; Leon Zorrita, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Group 4)

Billy Adams, Buffalo, N. Y.; Leon Anthony, New York; Fred Bailey, Chicago, Ill.; Ernest Barnwell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bobby Berger, Chicago, Ill.; Jimmy Berry, England; Leroy Bolden, St. Louis, Mo.; Jimmy Brown, Hawaii; Robert (Bob) Brown, California.

Frank Calzo, San Diego, Cal.; Clint Campbell, California; Nelson Canty, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jackie Carpentier, Warren, O.; Dave Carver, New York; Bobby Castro, Los Angeles, Cal.; Victor Chambers, Morristown, N. J.; Al Clark, Detroit; Paul Clicci, Providence, R. I.; Jackie Cooper, Providence, R. I.

Russell Cox, Newark, N. J.; Art Damico, Webster, Mass.; Reecy Davis, Los Angeles, Cal.; Wally DeMaio, Bayonne, N. J.; Ralph Dougherty, Glen Ridge, N. J.; Eddie Dumas, Worcester, Mass.; Ray Dunn, Australia.

Mike Sherman Edwards, Chicago, Ill.; Al Evans, Montreal, Can.; Tony Falco, California; Frankie Ferretti, Brooklyn; John J. Finney, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Baltimore, Md.

Leroy Flannery, Washington, D. C.; Jimmy Fox, Baltimore, Md.; Dominick Fusari, Puerto Rico; Frank Gaffney, Chicago, Ill.; El Gaucho, Carbondale, Pa.; Nate Gibson, California; Vince Gigante, New York; Al Gilbert, Washington, D. C.; Freddie Graham, New York; Lane Hale, Los Angeles, Cal.; Joe Hatfield, Omaha, Neb.; Johnny Harvey, Bridgeport, Conn.; Len Hetchet, Bayonne, N. J.

Nelson Hawkins, Cleveland, O.; Jimmy Hayden, New York; Buddy Holmes, Southwark, Conn.; George Homan, Brooklyn; Roland Hopp, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bobby Howard, Worcester, Mass.; Stonewall Jackson, Lynn, Mass.; James Frisco, California.

Eddie Jensen, Boston, Mass.; Johnny Johnson (John Henry), Philadelphia, Pa.; Billy Jones, Los Angeles, Cal.; Joe Joy, San Diego, Cal.; Tommy Keene, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tiger James Kiggans, Indianapolis, Ind.

Steve Kish (Steve Brogan), Garfield, N. J.; Fred Kojer, California; Artie Lampert, Brooklyn; Billy Lancaster, Portland, Me.

Ralph Lee, California; Fred Leeman, California; Al Lamiere (Sol Levine), Bristol, Conn.; Cpl. Ed Leo, Camp Pendleton, Cal.; Harry Lieberman, California; Bob Linn, Indianapolis Ind.; Danny Lorimer, New York; Al Rocky Luciano, Baltimore, Md.; Irish Jimmy Mackin, Oakland, Cal.; Abe Mais, New York.

Jack McBride, California; Billy McCoy, San Francisco, Cal.; Jimmy McElroy, Wilmington, Del.; Jerry McGee, New York; Mike McKessick, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mickey McKiness, St. Charles, Ill.; Roy McQueen, Swan Island.

Larry Martin, Los Angeles, Cal.; Les Mathews, Jamaica; Billy Mawson, England; Sgt. Gaston Miller, Gastonia, N. C.; Louie Miller, New York; Roy Miller, Kansas City, Kan.; Red Milton, Brooklyn; Eddie Moran, California; Billy Morris, New York; Jimmy Morrison, New York; Johnny Morrow, Elizabeth, N. J.

Joe Mulli, Brooklyn; Eddie Munyer, California; Hugh Murphy, Camp Kilmer, N. J.; Jackie Murray, New York; Sammy Muscato, Buffalo, N. Y.; Eugene O'Brien, San Francisco, Cal.

Nash Ortiz, Foster Field, U. S. Army; Johnny Owens, Panama; Larry Pacino, Boston, Mass.; Charley Pedalino, Detroit, Mich.; Eddie Pagan, Binghamton, N. Y.; Jackie Parker, Worcester, Mass.; Johnny Parr, New Bedford, Mass.; Leroy Patrick, Bay City, Mich.

Freddie Patterson, Rochester, N. Y.; Saint Paul, Springfield, Mass.; Al Pinnel, New Bedford, Mass.; Ike Powers, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frank Rand, Indianapolis, Ind.; Johnny Reardon, San Francisco, Cal.; Ralph (Sunny) Reardon, Medford, Mass.; Peter Reyes, Hawaii; Joe Robinson, Newark, N. J.; Lee Rosen, Baltimore, Md.; Rebel Ryan, Norfolk, Va.

George Sapolich, Johnstown, Pa.; Willie Scott, New York; Howard Settle, New York; Gene (Jack) Simmons, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bobby (Sonny) Smith, New York; Dick Smith, Australia; Joe Souza, Oakland, Cal.; Leroy Sparks, Annapolis, Md.; Jackie Stephens, Tulsa, Okla.

Casimir Sugakski, Elizabeth, N. J.; Chuck Swango, Indianapolis, Ind.; Frank Sweeney, Philadelphia, Pa.; Art Taylor, San Diego, Cal.; Johnny Taylor, Binghamton, N. Y.; Tito Taylor, Chicago, Ill.; Ned Thomas, Hawaii; Marvin Trulock, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rudy Turner, Buffalo, N. Y.; Bob Tyree, San Francisco, Cal.

Frankie Valdez, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ignacio Villaverdes, California; Billy Walker, New London, Conn.; Hiram Walker, San Diego, Cal.; Al Williams, Los Angeles, Cal.; Bruce Williams, California.

Tiger Leon Winston, Australia; Mel Workman, South Bend, Ind.; Al Wright, California; Connie Zeppa, New York.

Welterweight Division

World Champion

Freddie Cochrane, Elizabeth, N. J. and U. S. Navy (Title Frozen)

1—Ray Robinson, New York.
2—Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles, Cal.
3—Johnny Greco, Montreal, Can.
4—Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J.
5—Tommy Bell, Youngstown, Ohio.
6—Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa., and U.S. Army.
7—Arthur Danahar, Great Britain.
8—Ernie Roderick, Great Britain.
9—Jimmy McDaniels, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Group 1)

Roman Alvarez, New York; Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa.; Billy Arnold, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kid Azteca, Mexico; Hockey Bennell, Australia; Maxie Berger, Montreal, Can.; Larry Cisneros, U. S. Army; Doug Carter, Newark, N. J.; Al Costa, Woonsocket, R. I., and U. S. Army.

Auriel (Al) Coutoure, Portland, Me.; Sammy Daniels, Baltimore, Md.; Al Davis, New York; Pete DeRuzza, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Freddy Dixon, Phoenix, Ariz.; Tito Despaigne, Panama; Jimmy Doyle, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lige Drew, San Diego, Cal.; Antonio Fernandez, Chile; Lefty Satan Flynn, British West Indies.

Ernie Forte, Providence, R. I.; Terry Gibson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Billy Graham, New York.

Rocky Graziano, New York; Harold Green, Brooklyn; Johnny Green, Buffalo, N. Y.; Clever Henry, Hawaii; Cecil Hudson, San Jose, Cal.; Chuck Hunter, Cleveland, O.; Tommy Hunter, Brisbane, Australia; Harry Hurst, Canadian Army Overseas; Danny Kapilow, New York.

Milton Kessler, Brooklyn; Bobby Lakin, Jamaica, L. I.; Nick Latsios, Alexandria, Va.; Joe Legon, Havana, Cuba; Paul Lewis, Oakland, Cal.; Lenny Mancini, Youngstown, O., and U. S. Army; Joe Mattone, Newark, N. J.; Nick Moran, Mexico; Jimmy Molloy, British Navy; Jerry Moore, Baltimore, Md.; Verne Patterson, Chicago, Ill.; Aaron Perry, Washington, D. C.; Ray Powell, Hawaii; Sheik Rangel, Fresno, Cal.; Morris Reif, Brooklyn; Ernest Cat Robinson, Jamaica, L. I.; Leo Rodak, Chicago, Ill., and U. S. Marines.

Norman Rubino, Albany, N. Y.; Al Saunders, Montreal; Chester Slider, Fresno, Cal.; Joe Sulick, New York; Fishy Taylor, Australia; Billy Tordiglione, Boston, Mass.; Vincent Villavicencio, Tia Juana, Mex.; Benny Williams, Newark, N. J.; Gwyn Williams, Oxford, England (Paratrooper); Frankie Willis, Washington, D. C.; Bee Bee Wright, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sgt. Lou Woods, Camp Grant, Ill.; Ralph Zannelli, Providence, R. I.

(Group 2)

Paul Altman, Houston, Tex.; George Brown, New York; Jimmy Anest, New York; Herbie West, Orange, N. J.; Willie Calhoun, New York; Hankin Barrow, Honduras; Ballesandro Carubia, Astoria, L. I.; Joe Celeste, Australia; Eddie Cerda, New York; Jimmy Collins, San Francisco, Cal.; Tom Collins, Waterbury, Conn.; Johnny Corbett, Branford, Conn.; Joe Curcio, Newark, N. J.; Bill Daniels, Detroit, Mich.

Joe DeJohn, Syracuse; Rene DeLeon, California; Lennox Dingle, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jiggs Donohue, Philadelphia, Pa.; Red Doty, Hartford, Conn.; Tommy Egan, San Francisco, Cal.; Benny Evans, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Doge Everett, San Francisco, Cal.; Ben Franklin, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Billy Furrone, Philadelphia, Pa.; Billy George (Satan Billy Born), St. Louis, Mo.; Cyril Gallee, Wales; Frank Gilleny, Washington; Mickey Gimbel, San Francisco; Rudy Giscombe, New York; Eddie Halligan, Oakland, Cal.; Les Hardy, Australia; Chuck Hirst, Detroit, Mich.; Young Jocker, Australia; Al Jolson, Binghamton, N. Y.

Johnny Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Henry Jordan, Philadelphia, Pa.; Harry Lazar, England; Sandy Mack, Baltimore, Md.; Danny Martin, Newark, N. J.; Frankie Martin (Chief Crazy Horse), Los Angeles, Cal.; Bernie Miller, New York; Mario Miscelli, New York; Tommy Mollis, Washington, D. C.; Jimmy Moore, Liverpool, Eng.; Padlo Mayon, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jesse Moraney, Harrisburg, Pa.; Tiger Nelson, Durham, N. C.; Billy Nixon, Philadelphia, Pa.; Julio Pedroso, Havana, Cuba; Vic Pignatore, New York; Johnny Price, Montreal, Can.; Tony Ricco, Bayonne, N. J.

Steve Riggio, New York; Chino Rodriguez, California; Genero Rojo, Los Angeles, Cal.; Ross Romero, Livermore, Cal.; Jackie Ryan, California; Pat Saia, Philadelphia; Leo Sawicki, Worcester, Mass.; Robert Simmons, Indianapolis, Ind.; Harold Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.

Roscoe Smith, Omaha, Neb.; Aldo Spoldi, New York; Mike Stankovich, California; Lincoln Stanley, Oakland, Cal.; Maxie Starr, Edgewood Arsenal, U.S.A.; Howell Steen, Dallas, Tex.; Solomon Steward, New York; Buck Streator, Collingswood, N. J.; Oscar Suggs, Newport, R. I.; George Stewart, Scotland; Billy Stevens, Scotland.

Jordan Tarone, West Africa; Buck Taylor, Baltimore, Md.; Art Towne (Henry Johnson), New York; Buster Tyler, U. S. Army; George Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa.

(Group 3)

Johnny Abbott, Cleveland, O.; Murray Abrams, New York; Eddie Allen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Barbosa, Boston, Mass.; Vic Bellanger, Utica, N. Y.; Mickey Belletiere, Hazleton, Pa.; Lee Black, New York; Ike Blair, California; Gene Boulden, Providence, R. I.; Cliff Bowen, Australia; High Bradley, Hawaii; Tony Brandino, Hamilton, Ont.; Ceferino Bronco, Fall River, Mass.; Cleveland Brown, U. S. Army.

Tommy Burns, Australia; Speedy Cannon, Seattle, Wash.; Phil Carrozza, Philadelphia, Pa.; Burl Charity, Youngstown, O.; Jackie Connors, New York; George Sugar Costner, Cincinnati, O.; Whitey Cozy, New Britain, Conn.; Jim Crowe, Danville, Ill.; Tuffy Cummings, British Navy.

Frankie Daniels, Valley Stream, L. I.; Art Davis, Australia; Pvt. Carl Dell, U. S. Army; Jack Desautels, Dover, N. H.; Johnny Ditto, Baltimore, Md.; Joe Donofrio, Hazleton, Pa.; Charley Early, Oakland, Cal.; Al Evans, Newport, R. I.; Joe Falco, Philadelphia, Pa.; Len Fay, Australia; Al Franklin, Washington, S. C.

Baby Tiger Flowers, Worcester, Mass.; Robert Fowler, Nashville, Tenn.; Tiger Fox, Baltimore, Md.; Julio Galucci, New York; Tommy Gargano, Brooklyn; Ivan Gonzales, Delma, Cal.; Jimmy Grace, Hartford, Conn.; Teddy Green, Bayonne, N. J.; Leroy Greenwood, Long Branch, N. J.; Bill Grier, Detroit, Mich.

Sel Hamilton, Australia; Billy Harrison, San Francisco, Cal.; Billy Hayes, Indianapolis, Ind.; Joe Hernandez (Joe Torres), New York; Ron Heron, Australia; Charley Howley, Chester, Pa.; Jackie Hughes, England; Jimmy Hunt, Chicago, Ill.; Al Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; Rocky Jackson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sammy Jacobs, Montreal, Can.

Kenny James, Waterbury, Conn.; McCoy Jones, Camden, N. J.; Walter LaMarr, Philadelphia, Pa.; Maurice Lavigne, Montreal, Can.; Rocco Lescio, Brooklyn; Johnny Luz, New Bedford, Mass.; Bobby Maloney, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sammy Mammone, Greenwich, Conn.; Joey Manfro, New York; Billy McCarthy, Royal Air Force; George Marino, Bridgeport, Conn.; George Martin, Boston, Mass.

Joey Martinez, Juarez, Mex.; Felix Morales, Brooklyn; Manny Morales (Nick Calder), Puerto Rico; Jimmy Murray, Brooklyn.

Phil Norman, Detroit, Mich.; Prudy Pacheco, San Juan, P. R.; Phil Palmer, Vancouver, Can.; Charles Parham, Milwaukee, Wis.; Leo Phillips, Birmingham, Ala.; Jerry Pittro (Baby Galento), Chicago, Ill.; Bob Pooler, Waterville, Me.; Bobby Richardson, Cleveland, O.; Bob Roberts, Royal Air Force; Johnny Ryan, Detroit, Mich.; Charlie Sabatelle, Dunmore, Pa.; Leroy Saunders, New York; James Sherron, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dick Shields, Liverpool, Eng.

Sir Silas, Baltimore, Md.; Stanley (Baby Sims), New York; Al Spencer, New Orleans, La.; Joey Varoff, New York; Manuel Villa, Los Angeles, Cal.; Larry Villenueve, Berlin, N. H.; Pete Viratos, Sacramento, Cal.; Gene Ward, Chicago, Ill.; Tommy Ward, Australia; Al Watkins, Sydney, Australia; Lepp Webster, Oakland, Cal.; Stan Wilkes, Australia; Joe Ybarra, El Cerrito, Cal.

(Group 4)

Frankie Abrams, Pontiac, Mich.; Lee Abrams, Hartford, Conn.; Chris Adcock, Royal Navy; Frankie Allen, South Norwalk, Conn.; Marshall Allison, Indianapolis, Ind.; Billy Alvarez, Brooklyn; Jackie Armitage, New Kensington, Pa.; Jimmy Armour, Plainfield, N. J.; Miguel Arroya, Detroit, Mich.; Johnny Asay, Asbury Park, N. J.; Johnny Askew, Wilmington, Del.; Sammy Asmo, Clark Mills, N. Y.; Verne Atkins, Akron, O.; Johnny Attelly, New York; Dephin Augustus, Hawaii; Jimmy Bagamery, Zelienople, Pa.

Buddy Bailey, Jersey City, N. J.; Billy Baines, Philadelphia, Pa.; Larry Baker, New York; Al Baltieri, Brooklyn; Jacob Besselman, Lawrenceville, Pa.; Paul Blanks, Picayune, Miss.; Earl Boswell, Australia; Bobby Brady, Bayonne, N. J.; Walter Brady, Beaumont, Tex.; Max Brandon, Australia.

Arthur Brandon, Steelton, Pa.; Jimmy Briscoe, Baltimore, Md.; Steve Brogan (Steve Kisch), Garfield, N. J.; Gene Brown, Jacksonville, Fla.; Albin Buczek, Buffalo, N. Y.; Silent Mike Bulik, New York; Nick Calder (Manny Morales), New York; Don Callaghan (Don Espinosa), St. Paul, Minn.; Billy Campanelli, Worcester, Mass.

Tony Campo, Boston, Mass.; Young Canzoneri, Hawaii; Pete Cappy, Kingston, N. Y.; Benny Cartegena, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Cartelli, New York; Bob Claus, Buffalo, N. Y.; Maurice Cloutier, Manchester, N. H.; Len Clover, Australia; Cpl. Norm Cardaro, Schenectady, N. Y.; Julie Cross, New Jersey.

Jackie Daniels, Australia; Tommy Daniels, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Charley Davis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frankie Davis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Davis, New York; Jack Day, Australia; Ralph Deans, Newark, N. J.; George (Kid) Delaney, Australia; Carl Delano, Australia; Freddie Dena, California.

Mike DeStephano, Atlantic City, N. J.; Charles Dillworth, California; Lucky Douglas, Philadelphia, Pa.; Weyland Douglas, San Francisco, Cal.; Johnny Dougwillow, Lynn, Mass.; Alex Doyle, Garfield, N. J.; Jack Durham, Indianapolis, Ind.

Don Eddy, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Jimmy Edwards, Newark, N. J.; Phil Enzenga, Baltimore, Md.; Andy Faison, New York; Annunzio Ferrera, Milwaukee, Wis.; Bob Ferris, California; Clem Fitzpatrick, New York; Al Freda, Worcester, Mass.; Pete Galiano, Baltimore, Md.; Ross Garcia, Los Angeles, Cal.; Rudy Garcia, New York.

Joe Gillis, Springfield, Mass.; Frank Gilloley, Glasgow; Chet Goodwin, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tony Gouveia, Taunton, Mass.; Miller Gray, Detroit, Mich.; Henry Grayson, California; Jimmy Green, Trenton, N. J.; Tony Grey, Brooklyn.

John Guarino, Brooklyn; Al Hall, California; Al Hallie, Southbridge, Mass.; Jerry Harmon, California; Jimmy Hatmaker, El Centro, Cal.; Mickey Hearns, California; Chito Hernandez, California.

Doyle Hirt, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Walter Halba, Milwaukee, Wis.; Nate Hutchins, Elizabeth, N. J.; Bobby Irish, Stockton, Cal.; Buddy Jackson, Newark, N. J.; Jesse James Jackson, Riverside, Cal.; Joe Jackson, Providence, R. I.; Tommy James, Chicago, Ill.; Benny Jeffries, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sgt. Bull Jennings, Fort Knox; Pedro Jiminez, Santa Rosa, Cal.

Keith Johnson, Australia; Lorenzo Johnson, Atlantic City, N. J.; James Jones, Hawaii; Stanley Jordan, Milwaukee, Wis.; Ernie Kapps, Worcester, Mass.; Billy Kearns, Weathersfield, Conn.; Jack Kearns, Meriden, Conn.; Leon Kennedy, New York; Steve Ketchel, New Haven, Conn.; Joe Keyes, Houston, Tex.

Tommy King, Bayonne, N. J.; Bill Klassen, Woodbridge, N. J.; Monty Klein, New York; Sammy Kole, New York; Vincent LaSalva, New York; Lloyd Lasky, Brooklyn; Paul Lassiter, California; Chick Laws, Watts, Cal.; Barney Lee, California; Bobby Lee, Elizabeth, N. J.; Don Lee, California.

Frankie Leonard, Brooklyn; Eddie Lewin, California; Elmer Lewin, California; Jimmy Lewis, Hawaii; Herbie Lockwood, New Orleans, La.; Freddie Long, Inglewood, Cal.; Johnny Long, Corning, N. Y.; Chino Lopez, Tampa, Fla.; Johnny Lopez, California; Mike Lucas, Providence, R. I.; Harry Lundy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jack Lynch, New Orleans, La.; Jack Lynch, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mickey Makar, Bayonne, N. J.; Young Manuel, Mexico; Jimmy McGriff, Washington, D. C.; Henry McNeil, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charley Milan, Baltimore, Md.; Gene Margarida, Fall River, Mass.; Johnny Marra, Boston, Mass.; Lenny Massone, New York; Billy Mayfield, California; Johnny Meadows, California; Bill Medina, Tia Juana, California; Val Mejia, San Jose, Cal.; Bob McLuckie, Scotland; Jerry McGee, Augusta, Ga.; Pete Martinez (Peter Martin), Puerto Rico.

Solly Miller, New London, Conn.; Stanley Miller, New York; Jimmy Mills, Cleveland, O.; Isadore Miner, Chicago, Ill.; Charley Moore, Binghamton, N. Y.; Eddie Moore, New York; Johnny Moran, Boston, Mass.; Angelo Morea, Floral Park, L. I.; Paul Morca, Bordentown, N. J.; Bourbon Murphy, California.

Chick Musgrove, San Diego, Cal.; Billy Napper, Boston, Mass.; Teddy Neapolitano, Newark, N. J.; Fred Nebo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lem Nelson, Cleveland, O.; Lester O'Brien, Baltimore, Md.; Pop Eye O'Coyne, Spencer, Mass.; Art O'Dowd, San Diego, Cal.; Charley O'Kelly, St. Louis, Mo.; Stan O'Mara, Australia; Frank Ortega, California.

Irving Palefsky, New York; Pat Patucci, Southwark, Conn.; Cy Perkins, California; Roy Peterson, Jamaica, B. W. I.; Lon Phillips, Baltimore, Md.; Frankie Plazza, California; Jimmy Pratt, Baltimore, Md.; Sgt. Santos, U.S.A., Texas; Johnny Pitt, Liverpool, Eng.; Phil Quillan, Springfield, Mass.; Joe Quinn, Tamaqua, Pa.; Pat Quinn, Ireland; Bob Ramsey, England; Larry Ray, Highland Park, Mich.; Kenny Reed, Battle Creek, Mich.; Micky Reed, New York.

Jimmy Reeves, Bethlehem, Pa.; Sparky Reynolds, Charleston, W. Va.; Johnny Riccio, Vallejo, Cal.; Gary Rice, Alexandria, Va.; Lee Robinson, Baltimore, Md.; Jorge Rodriguez, Mex.; Will Rogers, Indianapolis, Ind.; Frank Ross, Boston, Mass.; Johnny Roszina, Milwaukee, Wis.; Willie Russell, Columbus, O.; Louis Rousse, New Orleans, La.; Eddie Ryan, California.

Benny Salica, California; Freddy Sammons, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jack Samuels, Australia; Charlie Sardo, Revere, Mass.; Mutt Schwartz, Columbus, O.; Sunny Al Seidman, Scranton, Pa.; Young King Sharpy, Harrisburg, Pa.; Jack Sicari, U. S. Army; Ellsworth Simley, New York; Young Sloan, Washington, D. C.; Bob Smith, California; Jackie Smith, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Mayhew Smith, New York; Willie Smith, New York.

Bobby Snow, Waterbury, Conn.; Bobby Sorrio, Tucson, Ariz.; Vic Soyko, West Allis, Wis.; Johnny Spoon, Newark, N. J.; Lew Spurdis, Union City, N. J.; Hugh Stell, Salina, Kans.; Jake Stephens (Jake Stephenson), Oklahoma City, Okla.; George Stevens, New York; Stanford Stiles, Houston, Tex.; George Sutter, Indianapolis, Ind.; Johnny Synott, Fall River, Mass.

James Taylor, New York; Johnny Taylor, New Orleans; Josh Thompson, Muncie, Ind.; Sammy Thompson, Detroit, Mich.; Nelson Thorpe, Buffalo, N. Y.; Bill Tierney, San Diego, Cal.; Herman Travis, California; Bill Trillo, U. S. Army; Al Tucker, Oakland, Cal.; Frankie Velez, Puerto Rico; Nick Venegas, San Francisco, Cal.; Jack Walls, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Charley Watkins, New York.

Willie Watkins, Detroit, Mich.; Jimmy Watkins, Scotland; Charley (Rocky) Wells, Gary, Ind.; Chick Weston, Australia; Peter Wheatshaw, California; Billy White, Baltimore, Md.; Gilbert Whiteside, California; Ice Cream (Kid Willis) Williams, Hawaii; Johnny Williams, California; Kid Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sgt. Cyril Wills, Shrewsbury, Eng.; Doug Wilson, Australia; Johnny Wilson, Syracuse, N. Y.; Paulie Wilson, Carbondale, Pa.; Pete Witkowski, Elizabeth, N. J.; Young Charley Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bobby Zollo, Providence, R. I.

Lightweight Division

World Champion

International title vacant.

1—Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga. and U. S. Army.
2—Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa. and U. S. Army (Recognized as world title holder by N.Y.)
3—Juan Zurita, Mexico (Recognized as world champion by N.B.A.)
4—Bobby Ruffin, Astoria, L. I.
5—John Thomas, Los Angeles, Cal.
6—Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind.
7—Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.
8—Cleo Shans, Los Angeles, Cal.
9—Freddie Dawson, Chicago, Ill.
10—Lulu Costantino, New York.
11—Ronnie James, Great Britain.
12—Maxie Shapiro, New York, N. Y.

(Group 1)

Danny Bartfield, Brooklyn; Eric Boon, England; Billy Born, St. Louis, Mo.; Patsy Brandico, Hamilton, Ont., Can.; Baby Al Brown, Jamaica, B.W.I.; Kid Buroro, Cuba; Frankie Carto, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dave Castilloux, Montreal, Can.; Mike Delia, Los Angeles; Bernard Docusen, New Orleans; Leo Dulmaine, Worcester, Mass.; Carmine Fatta, Newburgh, N. Y.; Juste Fontaine, Milwaukee; Dave Freeman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bobby Fuller, Australia; Pvt. Robert (Buddy) Garcia, Baltimore, Md.; Eddie Giosa, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Guido, New York.

Jimmy Hatcher, Zack City, N. C.; Tony Janiro, Youngstown, O.; Jimmy Joyce, Indiana; Julie Kogon, New Haven, Conn.; Jackie Leamus, New York; Nat Litfin, New York; Bobby McIntire, Detroit, Mich.; Lew (Sleepy) Maxwell, Newark, N. J.; Billy Miller, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Luis Monagas, Caracas, Venezuela; Joey Peralta, Tamaqua, Pa.

Lionel Orreal, Australia; Vic Patrick, Australia; Jimmy Phillips, Baltimore, Md.; Joey Pirrone, Cleveland, O.; Doll Rafferty, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jackie Rankin, R.A.F. England; Archie Rash, Australia; Chester Rico, New York; Frankie Rubino, Brooklyn; Ray Salas, Berkeley, Cal.; Hubert Samuels, Philadelphia; Santiago Sosa, Cuba; Allie Stolz, Newark, N. J.; Harry Teaney, Cleveland; Jack Tooney, Australia.

Reg Tozar, Australia; Slugger White, Baltimore, Md.; Gwyn Williams, Great Britain; Bobby Yeager, Los Angeles, Cal.; Kid Young, Australia; Umberto Zavala, Mexico City, Mex.

(Group 2)

Dom Amoroso, Jersey City, N. J.; Joey Bagnato, Toronto; Billy Banks, Washington, D. C.; Baby Beau, New York; Charley Bennett, Washington, D. C.; Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.; Dusty Brown, Wilmington, Del.; Santa Bucca, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Carlos, Panama; Nick Camarata, New Orleans, La.; Jerry Coursol, Valley Stream, L. I.; Victor Creelman, New York; Vince Dell 'Orto, New York; Neva Esparza, Tia Juana.

Robert Early, Chicago; Eddy Flint, Flint, Mich.; Leo Francis, New York; Ruby Garcia, New York; Mick Gibbons, Belfast, Ireland; Lupe Gonzales, Mexico; Joe Griffo, Newark, N. J.; Frankie Gromada, New York; Bobby Gunther, Detroit, Mich.; Lew Hanbury, Washington, D. C.

Eddie Hudson, California; Tommy Johns, Australia; Dorsey Lay, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pete Lello, Gary, Indiana; Frankie Leta, Irvington, N. J.; Alby McCarthy, Australia; Eddie Marcus, Cal.; Honey Mellody, Fall River, Mass.; Jose Mendoza, Mexico; Joe Miller, Buffalo; Ace Miller, Columbus, Ohio; Tommy Mills, New York; Wesley Mouzon, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy McAllister, Philadelphia, Pa.; Danny O'Dey, Australia; Matt Oglesby, Cal.; Sammy Parrotta, Pittsburgh; Jackie Paterson, Chicago; Phil Palmer, Vancouver, B. C.

Ellis Phillips, Philadelphia, Pa.; Monty Pignatore, New York; Kid Riley, Australia; Harry Roe, Australia; Tommy Rotolo, Rome, N. Y.; Johnny Russell, England; Ritchie Shinn, California; Artie Shute, Australia; Mexican Joey Silva, Cal.; Charlie Smith, Newark, N. J.; Willie Smith, Camden, N. J.; Gene Spencer, Chicago, Ill.; Leon Spencer, Cleveland, Ohio.

Young Tanner, British Guiana; Steve Vaccarelli, Brooklyn; Ralph Walton, Montreal; Tommy Wornock, Brooklyn; Johnny Williams, New York.

(Group 3)

Joe Amico, Philadelphia, Pa.; Benny Andy, Providence, R. I.; Dom Baccala, Baltimore, Md.; Billy Barch, Worcester, Mass.; Arturo Barron, Cal.; Melvin Bartholomew, New Orleans, La.; Don Benzor, Hawaii; Pvt. Dennis Brady, New York; Jack Bridges, Australia; Leo Red Brown, Detroit; Eugene Burton (Gene Bart), New York; Leonard Caesar, New Orleans, La.; Joe Caldwell, Australia; Frankie Carr, New York; Jack Carrick, England.

Joe Celletti, East Providence, R. I.; Willie Cheatum, Newark, N. J.; Del Cockayne, Des Moines, Iowa; Johnny Cockfield, Brooklyn; Johnny Coe, Medford, Conn.; Johnny Cool, Worcester, Mass.; Fred Corten, Australia; Vic Costa, New York; Jerry Darby, Jamaica, L. I.; Corky Davis, Worcester, Mass.; Henry Davis, New Britain, Conn.; Pat Demers, Brockton, Mass.; Harry Diduck, New York.

Al Douglas, San Francisco, Cal.; Frankie Fernandez, Hawaii; Young Pedro Firpo, Camden, N. J.; Marcel Fournier, Montreal; Jim Frazer, Australia; Jean Frechette (Blonde Tiger), Lowell, Mass.; Charles Fusari, Newark, N. J.; Archie Goodbee, New York; Ernie Guisti, Providence, R. I.; Joe Guiterrez, El Centro, Cal.; Bill Hall, Phoenix, Ariz.; Johnny Harris, New York; Buddy Heron, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jeff Hollaway, New York; York Howell, Philadelphia, Pa.

Eddie Hudson, Portland, Me.; Young Beau Jack, Baltimore, Md.; Bobby Jackson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Pardie Jackson, Reading, Pa.; Jimmy Jury, England; Abie Kaufman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Andy Klinges, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; George Larover, Camp Stewart; Joe Lemieux, New Bedford, Mass.; Oscar Lewis, Newark, N. J.

Julian Malavez, Puerto Rico; Les McDonald, Australia; Sgt. Jimmy McLarnin, New Bedford, Mass.; Armand Mehaud, Lisbon, Me.; Mike Martyk, St. Catherines, N. Y.; Joe Miller, Buffalo, N. Y.; Al Mobley, Newark, N. J.; Johnny Montreal, Buffalo, N. Y.; Billy Morris, Baltimore, Md.; Ralph Moss, Manchester, Eng.

Gil Napier, San Diego, Cal.; Mariano Nava, Mexico; Fern Pelletier, Lewiston, Me.; Rocky Progano, Stamford, Conn.; Russ Rega, Philadelphia, Pa.; Paul Reguejo (Fancy Pants), Mexico; Santiago Rivera, Mexico City; Bobby Root, Windsor Locks, Conn.; Oscar St. Pierre, Fall River, Mass.; George Salamone, Boston, Mass.; Pete Sanchez, Houston, Tex.; Pat (Don) Scanlon, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Benny Singleton, Waterbury, Conn.; Patsy Spataro, New York.

Harold Valon, Brooklyn; Johnny Ward, Ireland; Ron Warner, Australia; Billy Wells, Australia; Don Wixson, Oakland, Cal.; George Zengares, New York; Jerry Zullo, Boston, Mass.; Raul Zenit, Mexico.

(Group 4)

Freddie Addeo, Brooklyn; Sal Amoroso, Jersey City; Jimmy Armstrong, Syracuse, N. Y.; Frank Ballesteros, Ocean Park, Cal.; Les Barnett, Australia; Johnny Bascomb, Bermuda; Charley Bayrun, New York; Marty Bell, Newark, N. J.; Milton Bell, New York; Lon Benzor, Los Angeles, Cal.; Eddie Berry, Portland, Me.; Levi Board, Los Angeles, Cal.; Bill Bowen, Miami, Fla.; Henry Kid Briere, Putnam, Conn.

Hiram Brown, Pascoag, R. I.; Sammy Brown, Fresno, Cal.; Ronnie Brown, Hawthorne, N. Y.; Wally Burns, Australia; Howard Burton, Valley Stream, L. I.; Eddie Carson, Chicago, Ill.; Johnny Chapman, Pennsylvania; Burchy Charles, Elizabeth, N. J.; Bert Chisholm, Nashua, N. H.; Ralph Clay, Australia; Jimmy Collins, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Collins, Baltimore, Md.

Harry Cole, Los Angeles, Cal.; Frankie Como, New York; Gregory Costello, New York; Wally C. Reedon, Australia; Bill Daley, Australia; Roosevelt Dancer, California; Eddie Davis, Baltimore, Md.; Walter De Palma, Paterson, N. J.; Artie De Pietro, New York; Al Dione, Worcester, Mass.; Eric Dolby, Derby, Conn.; Jimmy Daugherty, Tamaqua, Pa.

Bobby Driscoll, Annapolis, Md.; Pete Dubaldi, Newburgh, N. Y.; Irish Red (Danny) Duffy, Detroit, Mich.; Armand Duval, Lewiston, Me.; Alfredo Escobar, Cal.; Jimmy Evans, Auburn, N. Y.; Joe Faiello, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Johnny Red Fees, Harrisburg, Pa.; Joe Fernandez, New York; Orlando (Babe) Ferrera, Stamford, Conn.; Les Fitzgerald, Australia.

Harry Fleming, Baltimore, Md.; Billy Fletcher, Australia; Cruz Flores, Cal.; Armando Fontes, Los Angeles, Cal.; Julio Franco, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnny Fry, Chester, Pa.; Al Gauthier, Springfield, Mass.; Joey Genovese, Toronto, Can.; Harry Gentile, Hartford, Conn.; Sal Giglio, New York; Freddie Gilbo, Boston, Mass.; Young Goldie, Hawaii; Filipe Sonny Gomez, Juarez, Mexico.

Walter Gomez, New Bedford, Mass.; John Gonzales, Cal.; Billy Gould, Newark, N. J.; Sid Haber, Brooklyn; Cpl. Bill Hadley, U. S. Army; Jimmy Hampton, Buffalo, N. Y.; George Henry, Lebanon, Pa.; Spider Hewitt, California; Jimmy Hicks, Brooklyn; Sonny Hill, California; Charles Ace Howard, New York; Billy Hurd, Newark, N. J.

Pedro Ibarra, Mexico; Vic Jade, Cleveland, O.; Billy James, Hawaii; Sabas Jamito, Hawaii; Bob Jennings, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Johnson, New York; Leon Jones, Washington, D. C.; Major Jones, California; Al Jordan, Milwaukee,

Wis.; Al Joseph, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Johnny Jurs, California.

Matt Kinney, Cal.; Sailor Dan Kopolik, Cal.; Johnny Lambert, Trenton, N. J.; Gunnar Larson, Brooklyn; John La Peruta, Brooklyn; Leo Le Bron, Sherbrooke, Quebec; Johnny Ledesma, Hawaii; A. C. Lee, Indianapolis, Ind.; Tino Leon, Mexico; Buddy Leonard, Manchester, N. H.; Buddy Lessard, Manchester, N. H.; Bobby Lewis, Lackawanna, Pa.; Kid Lewis, Baltimore, Md.; Ray Lewis, Muncie, Ind.; Thaddeus Cabey Lewis, New York.

Frankie Lieberman, Cal.; Henry Lord, New York; Little Joe Louis, Passaic, N. J.; Angelo Manna, Worcester, Mass.; Freddie McClure, Detroit, Mich.; George McKinney, Albany, N. Y.; Ray McNally, Cal.

Paul Midiri, U. S. Army; Eddie Mara, Hawaii; Bunny Marconi, Brooklyn; Billy Marcus, Hartford, Conn.; Sam Marino, Hartford, Conn.; Kent Martinez, Cal.

Jimmy Mason, Camp Kilmer, N. J.; Cyril Maudsley, Preston, Eng.; Vinnie Melito, Brooklyn; Ritchie Mendoza, Cal.; Billy Miller, Rome, N. Y.; Dickie Miller, Peoria, Ill.; Frankie Mills, Philadelphia, Pa.

Eddie Moniz, Fall River, Mass.; Willie Moon, Chicago, Ill.; Frankie Moore, Oakland, Cal.; Tommy Moore, Boston, Mass.; Todd Morgan, Baltimore, Md.; Wesley Mouzon, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Murray, Lewiston, Me.; Young Lee Q. Murray, Baltimore, Md.; Ray Murray, Garfield, N. J.; Tommy Murray, Montreal; Frankie Narcisco, New York.

Joey Neil, Albany, N. Y.; Joey Nunzio, Waterbury, Conn.; Billy O'Connor, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carl Olsen, New Haven, Conn.; Young Pancho, Hawaii; Matt Parker, Camden, N. J.; Jimmy Pell, New York; Tony Pellone, New York; Tino Perez, California; Pete Perry, Hawaii; Danny Pietro, Washington, D. C.; Ernie Petrone, Philadelphia, Pa.

George Pitt, Australia; Manuel Plazza, San Francisco, Cal.; Joey Poindexter, Indianapolis, Ind.; Freddie Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.; Arthur Price, Detroit, Mich.; Johnny Priest, Cambridge, Mass.; Ben Ramos, Hawaii; Tommy Reardon, Brockton, Mass.; Torpedo Watts (Rusty Joe) Reed, California; Ray Reeds, Columbus, O.; Nick Restano, Newark, N. J.

Eddie Rice (Hot Dog), Baltimore, Md.; Russell Richter, Paterson, N. J.; Fidel Rivera, Tampa, Fla.; Cal Robinson, San Francisco, Cal.; Honey "Art" Robinson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Joe Robinson, San Antonio, Tex.; Al Rodriguez, Haywood, Cal.; Art Rojo, California; Pete Romero, California; Gene Rooney, California; Frankie Rosen, New York.

Stacky Rowe, Ocean Park, Cal.; Kid Sal, Meriden, Conn.; Buddy Samarco, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Walter Samuels, Newark, N. J.; Chick Santos, Bridgeport, Conn.; Joey Savidan, California; Jackie Savino, Long Island; Mike Scanlon, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Harry Red Schultz, Kensington, Pa.; Wilford Scott, California.

Norman See, Quebec; Billy Shelton, The Hill, Pa.; Johnny Shields, Australia; Milton Skyers, New York; Paddy Slavin, Australia; Herbert Salomon, Jacksonville, Fla.; Jimmy Spence, Chester, Pa.; Billy Smith, Minneapolis, Minn.; Billy Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rex Strouse, Indianapolis, Ind.; Al Stuart, Royal Navy; Pee Wee Swinger, California; Billy Tehan, California; Willie Tatum, California; Bobby Taylor, California; Freddie Taylor, Pueblo, Col.; Zach Taylor, Brooklyn; Sammy Thompson, Washington, D. C.; Jose Torres, Puerto Rico; Joe Triola, Albany, N. Y.; Vince Tritto, Hawaii; Tommy Trottman, Australia; Ernie Trujillo, California; Vince Tuminello, Baltimore, Md.

Danny Valdez, California; Willie K. O. Valentine, Holyoke, Mass.; Johnny Vacy, Detroit, Mich.; Ray Vargas, California; Vin Vazzo, Revere, Mass.; Al Velez, Hawaii; Johnny Virgo, Rochester, N. Y.; Willie Walker, New York; Joey Wasnick, New Haven, Conn.; Bobby Waters, Harrisburg, Pa.; Frank Wetzel, Kensington, Pa.; Harry Wicker, Detroit, Mich.; Oscar Williams, Chicago, Ill.

Sylvester Williams, New Orleans; La.; Willie Williams, New York; Kid Willis, Vallejo, Cal.; Hubert Winfield, Brooklyn; Al Wooster, Frankfort, Me.; Johnny Worthey, Homestead, Pa.; Bobby Wright, Hawaii; Dick Wright, Australia; Lester Cueball Young, Philadelphia, Pa.; Patsy Zoccano, Toronto.

Featherweight Division
World Champion

Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
1—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
2—Sal Bartolo, Boston and U. S. Merchant Marine (Recognized as world title holder by N.B.A.)
3—Chalky Wright, Durango, Mexico.
4—Phil Terranova, New York.
5—Al Phillips, Great Britain.
6—Enrique Bolanos, Mexico.
7—Willie Roache, Wilmington, Del.
8—Charley Cabey Lewis, New York.
9—Nel Tarleton, Great Britain.
10—Harry Jeffra, Baltimore.
11—Danny Webb, Montreal and Canadian Army Overseas.
12—Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles and U. S. Army.
13—Young Finnegan, Panama.

(Group 1)

Larry Bolvin, Providence, R. I.; Oscar Calles, Caracas, Venezuela; Tony Costa, Woonsocket, R. I. and U. S. Army; Tommy Chapman, Australia; Len Davies, England; Juan Diaz, Caracas, Venezuela; Ben Duffy, British Royal Navy; Joey Dolan, Portland, Ore.; Alan Hall, Australia; Pedro Hernandez, Puerto Rico; Jimmy Hill, Australia; Bert Jackson, England; Sid Knight, Australia; Snooks Lacey, New Haven, Conn.

Lefty LaChance, Lewiston, Me.; Tommy McGlinchey, England; Eddie Miller, Australia; Freddie Pope, Cleveland, O.; Filio Prado, Mexico; Freddie Russo, Rahway, N. J.; Adolph Samuels, Hawaii; Norman, Hi Ho Silvers, Brooklyn; Kid Tanner, British Guiana; Billy Tollis, Australia; Archie Wilmer, Wilmington, Del.; Jackie Wilson, Australia; Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ham Wiloby, Corona, L. I.; Syd Worgan, Wales; Kid Zefine, Panama.

(Group 2)

Manuel Anduha, Hawaii; Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Cal.; Angel Aviles, Mexico; Lou Peanuts Barbetta, New York; Jean Barriere, Montreal; Mario Colon, New York; George Cooper, New York; Tony Davies, Wales; Carlos Garcia, Los Angeles; Baby Gonzales, Mexico; Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn.

Tommy Greb, Boston, Mass.; Ern Hammon, Australia; Leroy Jackson, Cleveland, O.; Johnny Juliano, Paterson, N. J.; Warren Kendall, Wales; Tommy Kiene, Savannah, Ga.; Teddy King, Hawaii; Joey Kushner, Syracuse, N. Y.; Frank Leonard, Taunton, Mass.; Jack Leslie, Flint, Mich.; Ray Lewis, Hawaii; Gus Mell, Montreal; Al Pennino, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ray Morris, Philadelphia, Pa.; National Kid, Cuba; Charley Noel, Schenectady, N. Y.; Jim Pickering, Australia; Charley Riley, St. Louis, Mo.; Joe Rivera, Puerto Rico; Leo Robbo, Australia; Joe Robleto, Pasadena, Cal.

Joe Sandy Saddler, New York; Guy Serean, New Orleans, La.; Bob Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pete Virgin, New York; Leroy Willis, Detroit; Yasu Yasutaka, Hawaii.

(Group 3)

Davey Allen, New York; Lou Alter, Montreal; Pete Boles, Detroit, Mich.; Les Brooks, Australia; Jackie Callura, Hamilton, Ont.; Ted Christie, Australia; Davey Crawford, Brooklyn; Stanley Cieslak, Detroit, Mich.; Kid Vera Cruz, Vera Cruz; Jack Cutle, Quincy, Mass.; Eddie De Angeles, Revere, Mass.; Diaz Domingo, New York.

Bernie Kid Dunn, Australia; Clyde English, Brooklyn; Gregorio Escalona, Mexico; Tony Ferry, Fall River, Mass.; Corp. Jackie Floyd, Camp Lee.

Kid Gallagher, Australia; Joey Gambaro, New York; Johnny Gebert, Valley Stream, L. I.; Eli Golindo, U. S. Army; Gilbert Gonzales, Fresno, Cal.; Proctor Heinold, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Henry Flash, Hawaii; Bobby Hinds, England; Mike Konnors, Brooklyn; Steve Kronis, Boston, Mass.; Chinese Eddie Lee, St. Louis, Mo.

Clint Miller, Elizabeth, N. J.; George Pook, England; Rocky Progano, Stamford, Conn.; Young Tony (Tony Oshiro), Boston, Mass.; Jose Torres, Puerto Rico; Manuel Torres, Mexico City.

(Group 4)

Bill Alexander, Australia; Willie Alexander, Chester, Pa.; Jackie Allen, Chicago; Jimmie Allen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Willie Anderson, Detroit, Mich.; Sammy Andrade, Juarez, Mex.; Harold Arrington, Binghamton, N. Y.; Tino Ascasio, Los Angeles, Cal.; Bo Bascomb, New York; Steve Bellus, Shumacher, Ont.; Tony Brentz, Texas; Al Byndum, Hawaii.

Willie Candido, Hawaii; Frankie Carino, Meriden, Conn.; Bud Christman, U. S. Navy; Eddie Campo, New Haven, Conn.; Pat Correnti, New Jersey; Lon Dell, Cleveland; Whitey Donnelly, Hawaii; P. O. Ben Duffy, England; Bob English, Fall River; Alfredo Escobar, California; Lou Falco, Middletown, Conn.; Chuey Figueroa, Cal.; Ted Finley, Winnipeg, Can.; Frank Flores, Cal.

Frankie Gallard, Cal.; Sammy Garcia, Quincy, Mass.; Joey Gatto, New York; Vin Geddes, Australia; Richard Germaine, New Orleans, La.; Billy Gibson, San Francisco, Cal.; Doug Gibson, Beaumont, Tex.; Harold (Cannonball) Gibson, Brooklyn; Mike Gravino, Hamilton, Ont.; Buddy Hayes, Boston, Mass.; Bobby Henry, New York; William Henry, Hawaii; Dave Hernandez, Cal.; Pfc. Chuck Jackson, U. S. Army; Young Jackson, Australia.

Stan Jamison, Pasadena, Cal.; Jimmy Jericho, Washington, D. C.; Alex Jiminez, Detroit, Mich.; Eddie Jinks, Australia; Ivan Jones, Australia; Jackie Jordan, Springfield, Mass.; Joe Kaukahi, Hawaii; Pete Kelly, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bobo Kid, Hawaii; National Kid, Cuba.

Ralph Lara, California; Jerry La Vigne, Montreal; Jack Lee, Australia; Horace Leftwich, Buffalo, N. Y.; Calvin Leigh, Lincoln Army Air Field; Walter Cabey Lewis, Havana; Joe Lipari (Joe Liddy), Jersey City, N. J.; Joey Longo, Baltimore, Md.; Angel Lopez, San Diego, Cal.; Abel Lucero, Clovia, Cal.; Anicito Madrid, Cal.; Jimmy McDonald, Australia; Jim McNair, Passaic, N. J.; Paul Martinez, Omaha, Neb.

Charley Mathias, New York; Midget Mayo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Mendez, Cal.; Dario Mendoza, Fuebaugh, Cal.; Lee Methot, Montreal; Al Miller, California; Red Mills, Springfield, Mass.; Earl Mintz, Jersey City, N. J.; Richie Miyashiro, Hawaii; Joe Montiero, Wareham, Mass.; Ray Montoya, San Diego, Cal.; George Morris, Wilmington, Del.; Henri Murray, Montreal; Ralph Nieves, Puerto Rico.

Lulu O'Connor, Montreal; Frankie Parramore, Chester, Pa.; Danny Parrill, Philadephia, Pa.; Battling Pering, Hawaii; Bobby Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.; Paul Powell, Providence, R. I.; Henry Pratt, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lou Prince, Princeton, N. J.; Ray Puente, California; Nicky Quack, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Eddie Reardon, Hartford, Conn.; Luis Renai, Honolulu.

Bobby Reyes, Hawaii; Jimmy Reynolds, Hollywood, Cal.; Marion Rhoeten, Milwaukee, Wis.; Dave Riley, St. Louis, Mo.; Joe Rivers, Cal.; Gus Rosa, Hawaii; Danny Russell (Danny Parillo), Philadelphia, Pa.

Victor Sapang, Hawaii; Curley St. Angelo, New York; Benny Saladino, Brooklyn; Louis Sales, California; Joe Sanchez, Hawaii; Jimmy Sandles, Worcester, Mass.; Lee Scheirer, Hokendauqua, Pa.; Sal Scilabra, New York; Eddie Scott, Detroit, Mich.; Sammy Scully, Chicago, Ill.; Al Sforza, Boston, Mass.; Eddie Silva, Hawaii; Billy Sparks, Beech Grove, Ind.; Buddy Spencer, Hollywood, Cal.; Ted Sprouster, Australia; Al Starling, Trenton, N. J.; Nick Stato, Springfield, Mass.

Teddy (Finley) Swain, Toronto, Can.; Dough (Buck) Sweeney, Baltimore, Md.; Winnie Taitt, New York; Max Tanaka, Havana.

George Theius, Detroit, Mich.; Willie Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa.; Blonde Tiger, Lowell, Mass.; Placidio Torres, Hawaii; Earl Trader, Wilmington, Delaware.

Jimmy Vance, Cal.; Merl Van Noy, U. S. Army; Paco Villa, Mexico; Kid Waianae, Hawaii; Mel Walker, Cal.; Bill Walsh, Australia; Bert White, Chicago, Ill.; Freddie Wilde, Australia; Mick Williams, Australia; Henry Zamora, Cal.; Manuel Zurita, Mexico.

Bantamweight Division
World Champion

Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, California.
1—Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Cal.
2—Tony Olivera, San Francisco, Cal.
3—Sammy Reynolds, Great Britain.
4—Lulu Salica, New York and U. S. Army.
5—Rush Dalma, Hawaii.
6—David Kui Kong Young, Hawaii.
7—Ronnie Clayton, Great Britain.
8—Lorenzo Safora, Cuba.
9—Luis Castillo, Mexico.
10—Chico Rosa, Hawaii.
11—Benny Goldberg, Detroit.

(Group 1)

Florian Bibeau, Montreal, Canada; Jim Brady, Scotland; Mickey Colbert, Ireland; Al Ellis, Detroit, Mich.; Pee Wee Lewis, Baltimore, Md.; Leonardo Lopez, Mexico; Sammy Medina, Panama; Dally Moran, Australia; Mario Morales, Cuba; Joey Puig, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jorge Robles, Mexico; Ceferino Robleto, California; Elwood Romero, Sacramento, California; Aaron Seltzer, New York; Ken Stanford, Australia; Johnny Wolgast, Philadelphia, Pa.; Simon Vergara, Panama.

(Group 2)

Ernesto Aguilar, Mexico; John Bill, Colombia, South America; Arthur Young, Australia; Jimmy Dunn, Glasgow, Scotland; Leroy Jackson, Cleveland, O.; Johnny Regan, England; Joe Saddler, New York; Joho Shiroma, Hawaii.

(Group 3)

Ron Brain, Australia; Frankie Camacho, California; Tony Coco, Philadelphia, Pa.; Benny Cousins, California; Ivor Escobar, Havana; Jackie Evans, Wales.

Spider Gillig, Cal.; Andy Gollan, Australia; Reds Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frank Jaynes, Plymouth, Pa.; Basil Jones, New York; Petty Officer Mickey Jones, British Navy; Ponce Jurado, Cal.; Babe Kelly, Philadelphia, Pa.; Georgie Knox, Newark, N. J.; Joe Landry, Hartford, Conn.; Percy Cabey Lewis, Havana; Joey Mace, Sacramento, Cal.; Bobby McDonald, Glasgow, Scotland; Tony McGowan, Ireland; Leonardo Marquez, Los Angeles, Cal.

Little Joe Miller, Cal.; Hugh Mitchell, Australia; Bobby Molina, Cal.; Ray Moran, Boston, Mass.; Mick Murray, Australia; Hugo Ortiz, Mexico; Trini Ortiz, El Centro, Cal.; Al Pennino, Brooklyn; Tony Roberts, Canadian Army; Dave Robinson, Australia.

Al Rodriguez, Puerto Rico; Augustine Rodriguez, Cal.; Mickey Romero, Cal.; Cliff Smith, Charlotte, N. C.; Ray Smith, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Benny Sulik, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Henry Sumi, Cal.; Bill Swoboda, Baltimore, Md.; Ray Underwood, Australia; Alby Vanco, Australia; Rodolfo Villa, El Paso, Texas; George Watts, Boston, Mass.; Billy Williams, Australia; Johnny Wolgast, Philadelphia, Pa.

Flyweight Division
World Champion

Jackie Paterson, Scotland.
1—Jackie Paterson, Scotland.
2—Joe Curran, Liverpool, Eng.
3—Tommy Burney, Liverpool, Eng.
4—Norman Lewis, Wales.
5—Alec Murphy, Scotland.
6—Georgie Parkes, Dundee, Scotland.
7—Dado Marino, Hawaii.
8—Stumpy Butwell, Australia.
9—Little Dado, Hawaii.
10—Tommy Plowright, Nottingham, Eng.

(Group 1)

Seaman Terry Allen, England; Stumpy Butwell, England; George Coia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Frank Courts, Australia; Austin Devino, Long Branch, N. J.; Humberto Espinosa, Havana, Cuba; Mickey Fay, Australia; Peter Fallon, England; Frank Flannery, Australia; Teddy Gallagher, England; Valentine Garcia, California; Jimmy Jeannette, Washington, D. C.; Bobby McGhee, Glasgow, Scotland.

Bill Roberts, Australia; Cecil Schoonmaker, New York; Joe Scully, Australia; John Shaugnessy, Glasgow; Eddie Shields, Liverpool, England; Kid Socks, Australia; Johnny Summers, England; Larry Torpey, Philadelphia; George Sutton, Cardiff, Wales.

HE SOCKED *the* CHAM

Meet the Boy Who Has Been Named by Joe Louis as the Outstanding Heavyweight in the Armed Forces—He Rocked the Bomber, But Says, "Louis Hits Hard, Too"

By SGT. JOHN CLIFT

"Stars and Stripes" Staff Writer

AT THE Bellini Theatre in the Tyrrhenian Zone of Italy, where the Central Mediterranean Forces are stationed, George Culbertson, a soldier from Brooklyn, known to the GI's of this sector as Baby Dutch, his fighting name, gave further evidence of his prowess as a pugilist on November 18 to strengthen the prediction of Joe Louis that the Baby is the most promising soldier heavyweight he has seen. Boxing in the preliminaries of the individual championship tournament in progress in this area, Col. Culbertson gained the decision in four rounds over Pvt. W. Robinson in a thrilling battle that had the spectators on edge throughout.

"That boy can punch and hurt you," said Robinson, and in that he verified the statement of Joe Louis upon his return to the United States when the Brown Bomber asserted that Baby Dutch can hit like a mule.

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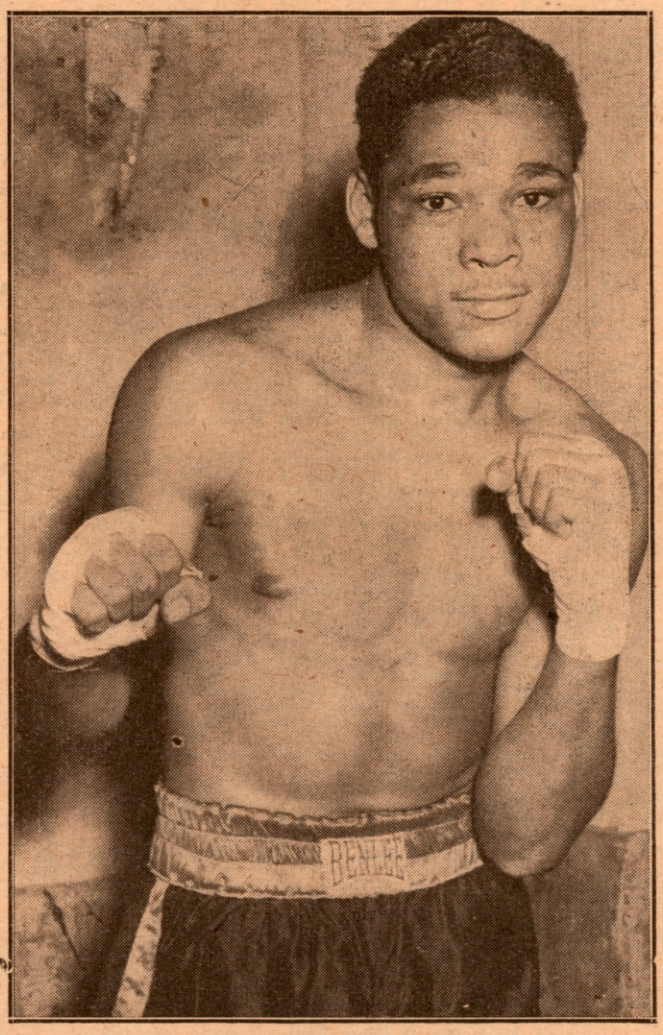
BABY DUTCH is not a guy to be easily outdone. When Joe Louis announced in New York that the "Baby" had tossed the hardest punch he had received in several years, Dutch came right back and announced from the Italian fighting front that Louis had hit him harder "than I had ever been hit in my life."

But that was more or less expected because, you see, Baby Dutch was born in Brooklyn—which should explain everything.

It was not easy, however, for the lad who was born in Flatbush, July 23, 1925, and christened George Culbertson, to become a fighter. His mother just didn't believe in fighting and did everything she could to get him not to enter the ring.

But Baby Dutch didn't pull on the gloves just by chance. His father was a fighter before him. "Dad campaigned throughout the middle west under the name of Charlie Hawkins," Dutch says.



Here he is—the hardest-hitting heavyweight in U. S. Army—George Culbertson of Brooklyn, "Baby Dutch" to GI fight fans in Italy.

George picked up a lot of pointers from his old man and by the time he reached high school, he could "lick anybody in the block." But he still had the opposition his mother put up and so, in 1942, when he got a chance to enter a Golden Glove tournament he knew he was at the crossroads.

His pop got him over that hurdle by advising him to pick out a ring name to fool his mom. That is how Baby Dutch was born.

In the '42 Golden Glove tournament, Baby Dutch knocked out his first five opponents, each in the first round, but was outpointed in his sixth fight. His opponent had too much experience stayed away from his murderous right.

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SHORTLY after this tournament, Dutch left Alexander Ha ton High School in Brooklyn and decided that the only t to do was to get in the big fight. Consequently, this time even mother had no objections to his doing a little fighting.

He got on some GI cards in the States and was able to keep boxing career alive. He had doing the same thing over h

His first big break was chance to go a couple of rou with the champ.

"Naw," he said in answe a question, "I wasn't scared both had on 16-ounce gloves after the first round, I di think the champ could hurt

"I was wrong on that sc however, because he belted with a right in the second made me feel light on my f It was the first time in my that I had been hit so hard."

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APPARENTLY Lou was not the only who thought highly of B Dutch's ability, because Ja Wilson, a member of the L troupe and a ranking wel weight, made a verbal agr ment to handle the Brook boy after the war.

Before departing for States, Wilson cautioned newly acquired protege, sayi "Don't sign any contracts. careful, even when you sign payroll for Uncle Sam. W the war is over, I'll take out to California and train for six or eight months. T you will be ready to take on big boys."

And Culbertson agreed. says that Wilson will be manager and no one else, if when he gets back to the Sta

Right now the Baby is in a spot to get in enough fighting satisfy even him. He is entered in the Allied tournament and h probably have a half-dozen opponents to bowl over to take t zone crown and then another half-dozen to win the big Inter-Al title.

"Gee," sighed the husky 185-pound Brooklyn bomber, "ma if I won this tournament it would convince mom that I'm no bum—even if I am from Brooklyn. But," he added, thoughtfu "it would sure cost dad plenty."

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Paul Boesch, Famous Wrestler, Gets Silver Star and Purple Heart

WRESTLING shares with boxing the spotlight in the combat zones where our forces have been displaying to the world the fighting qualities of the American soldier. Nine wrestlers have been cited for bravery since the big drives got under way. Several have been killed, two are war prisoners, and one, Joe Savoldi, is playing a prominent part with our War Mission in Italy. We are proud of the achievements of our fistic and mat warriors in this war.

A few days before going to press, THE RING Editor received word that Lieut. Paul Boesch, my neighbor at my beach home, one of America's greatest Judo and wrestling experts, received both the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. Paul, world traveler, as well known in Australia, Japan, Hawaii and other far-off places as he is in the United States, has been overseas only four months, yet has engaged in half a dozen major battles.

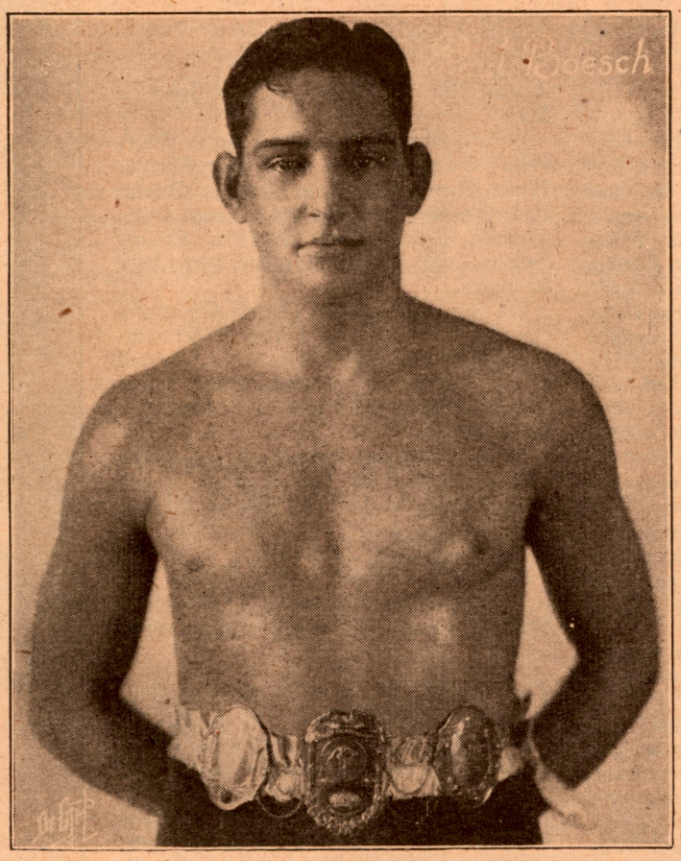
A powerfully built man, standing 6 feet 2 inches and scaling close to 220 pounds, Paul used his strength to good advantage on the battlefront to rescue a wounded soldier. For this he received the Silver Star, pinned on him by Colonel Thomas J. Cross, Chief of Staff of his Infantry Division.

The following citation was read by the Colonel:

"By direction of the President, the Silver Star is awarded to Lieut. Paul M. Boesch, 121st Infantry, Co. E, for gallantry in action on August 8, in the vicinity of ———, France. With utter disregard for his own safety, Lieut. Boesch moved ahead of his own lines to evacuate a wounded soldier, although a litter bearer had been killed by enemy fire in making the attempt only shortly before.

"That same night Lieut. Boesch organized a patrol and led it in the evacuation of four wounded men from enemy-held territory. His devotion to his men was an inspiration to all who saw him. Lieut. Boesch entered the service from New York.

"By Command of
Major General Stroh."



Lieut. Paul Boesch

A few weeks before receiving this award, Paul got the Purple Heart for having Jerry shrapnel lodged in him. The injuries didn't keep him out of the firing line long. He's the kind who can dish it out and take it.

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AT Fort Benning, where Lieut. Boesch received his training and obtained his commission as a second lieutenant, he was placed in the Special Service Division, but that didn't appeal to him. He wanted to see battlefront action, especially against the Japs and requested a transfer. For a time he served at Fort Benning in the small Mortar Division and assisted in physical training, at which he is an expert. Just before going overseas last July, he was promoted to a first lieutenancy and was given an Infantry post, the kind of assignment he desired.

Lieut. Paul Boesch's daring on the battlefields of France is in line with that of many American athletes who can teach the enemy a thing or two when it comes to fighting courage. Our hats off to them all.

He Socked the Champ

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His dad, you see, is also in the Army and is stationed in Africa. When Dutch wrote him that he had fought the champ, he went out and bought drinks for his whole company. Now, after hearing what the champ had to say about Dutch, and if Dutch should win the title—well, the Baby is probably right, it would cost his old man a pretty penny.

In the first round of the Tyrrhenian Zone's title tourney, the results were as follows:

Featherweight—Amateur: R. M. Burr, British Royal Marines, defeated Pvt. J. Fair, U. S. Army.

Middleweight—Amateur: Pvt. J. Woods, U. S. Army, beat L/Cpl. W. Stemmler, Canada.

Welterweight—Professional: Pvt. D. Fleming, U. S. Army, defeated Pte. L. Martyn, RASC, British Army.

Bantamweight—Amateur: Ofc. S. Ferrino outpointed L.Bdr.B. Corcoran, British Army.

Light-Heavyweight—Professional: Pte. H. Clempert, British Army, beat Cpl. R. Hammond, U. S. Air Force.

Welterweight—Amateur: Cpl. A. Licari beat Cfn. C. Johnson, British Army.

Light-Heavyweight—Amateur: Pvt. W. Zippell, U. S. Air Force, beat Pvt. G. Vrooman, U. S. Air Force.

Heavyweight—CSMI G. Marwick, British Army, scored over Sgt. S. Evans, U. S. Air Force.

Lightweight—Professional: Pvt. G. Lyons, U. S. Army, defeated Pvt. M. Cain, U. S. Army.

Lightweight—Amateur: Gnr. W. Crocker, British Army, beat Pfc. S. Quintana, U. S. Army.

Middleweight—Professional: Pvt. F. Gibson, U. S. Air Force, defeated Pvt. J. McGowan, U. S. Army.

Heavyweight—Professional: Cpl. George Culbertson, U. S. Army, defeated Pvt. W. Robinson, U. S. Army.

The Tyrrhenian Zone Boxing Committee consists of Lt. Col. Parks, chairman; Capt. G. W. Schollick, secretary; Lt. Col. C. R. Parsons, U. S. Army Air Force; Maj. A. H. Elliott, 3rd District; Capt. D'Appreval, French Forces; Lieut. S. Guarnaccia, U. S. Navy; C.P.O. J. J. Hyder, U. S. Navy; Lieut. E. S. Burroughs, U. S. Army; Cpl. Myers, H. Q. Replacement Command; Ft. Lt. J. S. Chambers, Royal Air Force; Lt. T. L. Matthews, British Army; Capt. D. McWhinnie, *Union Jack*, and Sgt. J. Clift, *Stars and Stripes*.

Jury d'Appel—Lt. Col. Jefferson, Capt. D'Appreval and Lieut. James Burchard, former sports writer of the New York *World-Telegram*.

Referees—Major G. Vallance, Capt. G. W. Schollick, Sgt. Milano and Pte. Riley.

TO OUR READERS

Magazine paper has been rationed. The United States Government has ordered a reduction in the amount of paper used by all publications.

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WILLIE JOYCE A GARDEN CARD

Los Angeles Negro, One of Nation's Best Lightweights, Gains Recognition

By GENE VINASSA

NEW YORK fight fans who like their fighting fast and furious will have a dish right to their liking during the winter months when Walloping Willie Joyce, formerly of Gary, Ind., now making his home in Los Angeles, wheels into the Big Apple.

Negotiations are under way for Willie Joyce to box at Madison Square Garden shortly, according to co-managers Charley Schuster and Mickey Cohen. To the victor belongs the spoils—and because of his recent wins over Ike Williams, Hammering Henry Armstrong and his sensational knockout over the Coast lightweight, Ray Lunny, Joyce is certain to be given choice assignments.

Following his recent triumph over Ike Williams in Philadelphia, Promoter Herman Taylor sought to sign Joyce with Juan Zurita. Williams was a top pick in the betting, and the upset caused the gamblers a heartache. It was a wild mill of leather from bell to bell.

Frankie Scaler, San Francisco's veteran promoter, is also in the market for a Zurita-Joyce title bout.

Joyce, Schuster and Cohen are three men with but a single thought—the lightweight crown. That's what they are after. If he is unable to lure Zurita into the ring with Joyce this winter, Herman Taylor may stage a rematch between Joyce and Williams. He visions a gate of $60,000.

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ALTHOUGH JOYCE is not known as a one punch knockout belter, on occasions, in fights around Chicago a few years ago, Willie scored quick kayoes. One of the fastest on record was made at the White City Arena several years ago when Joyce chilled Jorge Morelia, ringwise Mexico City warrior, in 12 seconds of the first round. Izzy Kline was behind Joyce for that fight. Morelia fought the best in Mexico City rings, and also topped the Olympic show in Los Angeles with Slugger White a couple of years ago.

Joyce is an expert stylist, one of the most finished in the business, and he never fails to come through with an interesting, rapid fire battle. Willie cannot be stampeded by mere strength. He knows the answer to nearly every form of attack, and he has many scoring weapons of his own.

When cagey Leo Rodak was going great guns, Joyce stopped the clock for him in four rounds at Detroit. He trounced Lew Jenkins, former lightweight title holder, in Chicago, and gave the odds makers an awful shock at the Olympic in Los Angeles in 1943 by trimming fast stepping John Thomas in a bristling 12-round bout before a turnaway crowd.

Thomas is rated No. 4 in THE RING'S Annual Ranking of Boxers, and Joyce is fifth.

Joyce's ring record reads like a Who's Who of Boxing with wins over Slugger White, Henry Armstrong (twice); Chester Slider (twice); Joe Peralta, Harvey Dubs, Carmelo Fenoy, Tony Ferrero, Sammy Secreet, and a host of other formidable scrappers.

We were talking with Henry Armstrong recently at Willie Orner's Main Street gymnasium in Los Angeles. The subject drifted to the first Joyce-Armstrong fight at the Olympic, which Joyce won in a spectacular duel.

"Willie deserves a world of credit for that win," said the former triple crown king, "as he won the fight, fighting the last five rounds with a fractured jaw. He displayed the courage of a lion."

In spite of battling with a broken jaw, Joyce kept on top of Hammering Hank and Armstrong says he couldn't shake him off.

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IN WINNING from Chet Slider at Oakland, Willie weighed 136 pounds to Slider's 145. Slider is not a big name boxer, but has headlined at the major clubs on the Coast.

Recently honorably discharged from the Army, Lou Gross has been training Joyce. Lou, a capable conditioner, worked with Joyce for many of his earlier fights in Chicago.

The story of Joyce closely parallels those of the great majority of pro boxers who have hit the top, including Joe Louis, Manuel Ortiz, Barney Ross, Ray Robinson, among others. Willie came out of the amateurs, winning titles in the Chicago Golden Gloves. Joyce says amateur boxing was excellent basic training.

"That's where I really learned. It wasn't hard, and I learned about training. From there on in, it was easy."

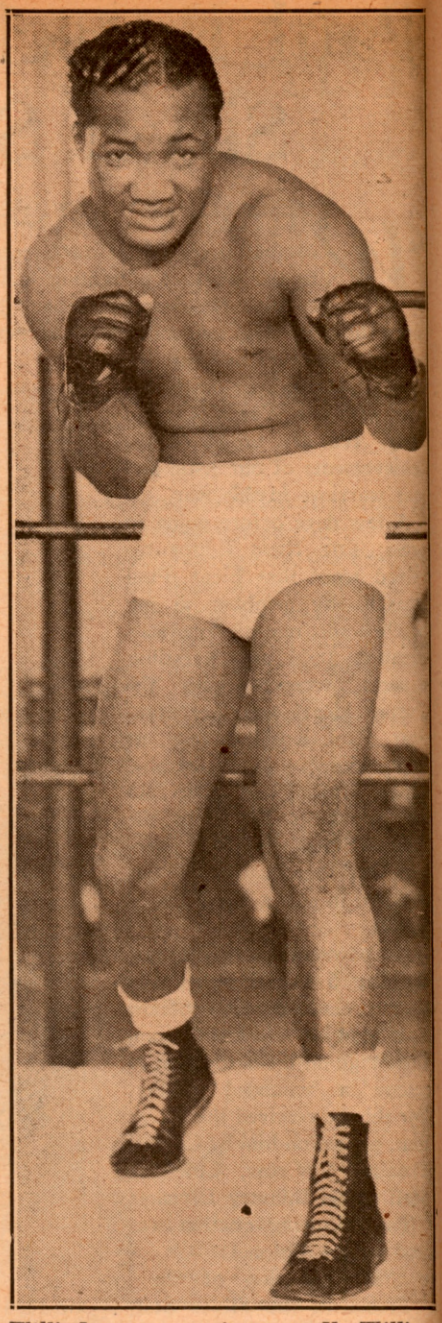
Joyce, now 25, started boxing when he was 15 in the simon-pures.

Willie has two brothers who are also scrappers, Gene (now in the U. S. Army), and Jimmy, who has been doing right well in California rings the past six months.

In his four seasons of amateur boxing, Joyce waged about 100 battles. He says he lost only six, and he has lost only six in the five years since turning pro.

Against the crafty Willie Pep last summer at Chicago, Joyce was weak as a kitten because he was forced to make 134 for the featherweight champion. Joyce had to take off two pounds the day of the fight and he didn't have enough steam left to carry the attack in the closing rounds.

"He's a great boxer, Joyce," says Willie Pep.



Willie Joyce, recent victor over Ike Williams

WILLIE JOYCE is only one of many Negro boxers who dominate the sport. Since Joe Louis came to the front, hundreds of Negro boys in all parts of the world have taken up boxing in an effort to emulate the deeds of the great Bomber. He has set an example that all are eager to follow. That is the primary reason why, in the average arena in this country, on every fight card, there are as many Negro lads, and often more, than there are white boys.

In Madison Square Garden on the night that Lee Oma and Tami Mauriello fought, ninety percent of the contestants were Negroes. They seem to have taken a deeper interest in boxing than have the white lads.

In the Army and Navy training camps, where thousands of lads are given boxing training under the military and naval regulations, the bulk of the boys who compete in the regular boxing shows for the enlisted personnel are Negroes. Thus when the war is over, we will have an influx of boxers in the pro ranks and the majority of these will be members of Louis's race. They are making great headway as boxers.

LETTERS *from Our* READERS

HAVE long been a reader of yours and fully appreciate your presentation of the boxing news, and older tales. Enough fact in every older tale to just temper the tendency to glorify the "olden days."

I've been a year and a half in the South Pacific, missing out on more bouts than I care to remember. Prior to that I served with the British army in the defense of the Crown Colony of Hong Kong, escaped from a Jap concentration camp and, after spending months with the Chinese guerillas, finally made the journey overland to Chungking. Had the luck of the Irish, as only two of the original ten made the entire trip successfully.

Would like to have an invitation to browse around your collection of ring souvenirs, Nat, next time I visit New York. Boxing has always been my favorite sport.

Have heard your recreation work praised many times while in the jungle islands of the South Pacific. Boxing seems destined for its greatest boom ever, in the post war era.

Do you happen to know where Ken Ferguson is at present? He was formerly your correspondent in Florida. I used to correspond with a few of THE RING sectionalists, found them a grand bunch.

Should apologize for thrusting myself on you this way, Nat, but have heard from the G.I.'s that you're a regular so will rely on your informality for a favorable reception.

I hear that Al Hostak is fighting again, see where he has had two tune up bouts in Texas, stopping George Baratko in five and Glenn Lee in three. You want to see this Slav kid sometime. He really is a powerful puncher. The old excuse of bad hands is a stereotyped alibi from beaten fighters, but in the case of Hostak he does have a legitimate case. If it could be corrected don't see how he could miss landing on top again. Well had better cut this short before I've written a book.

Sincerely your friend,

R. D. CASEY, JR.,
Seattle, Washington.

(Perhaps Ken Ferguson will see this and write to you. Sorry I don't know where he is. Thanks for the compliments. You're not thrusting yourself on me. I take keen delight in receiving letters from our readers, especially from service men, past or present.—Editor's note)

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A FEW words to let you know of the great morale work Joe Louis and his troupe did overseas. It was Uncle Sam's finest and best entertaining unit, and Joe is a great boy—very sociable and very obliging. I met him and his boys in Corsica first. He told me that my prospect, Eddie O'Neal, is an excellent boy. Eddie is a Negro 150-pound lad from Hot Springs, Ark., and I am sending him to Chris Dundee after the war.

California Jackie Wilson and Eddie put on two exhibitions—in Corsica and Sardinia. All the Louis Troupe double-checked Eddie, O.K.

Joe came to my hospital, saw our patients, gave a swell talk. He had an excellent comedy skit with Wilson, and then followed the showing of my Joe Louis films, films which you so kindly got for me. Joe wants me to send them to him to show in other theatres of American activity—Oran, Egypt, India and China and I shall accommodate him and our boys. Joe spoke wonderfully of you and THE RING.

PVT. TOM EPHREM,
Somewhere in Corsica.

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I AM writing to you from Italy, where my outfit is helping to clear out the Germans and clear the roads for a march on Berlin (by the way, we are combat engineers).

I receive THE RING here every month. I wish to thank you for taking the time and trouble of sending it to me over here.

I am a boxer from Cleveland and after reading so much about how all the boys will get their old jobs back and a lot of other nice things after the war, I was wondering just where I and a lot of other boys that devoted many years to boxing, hoping for the day we could cash in on our hard work, will come in on those post-war plans.

My only profession is boxing, of which, for two years now, I have had none, and no chance to train at all because my outfit has been too busy in Africa, Sicily and now in Italy with the German extermination. Of course, it is true that many of the boys are still getting plenty of training in some sectors and occasionally even getting some fights, but most of us are not so lucky. Some of us, like myself, haven't had a chance to get any training nor have we had a glove on for almost two years.

The big problem, as you have so often said, is that when the boom in boxing comes after the war, the promoters will have more men from whom to choose than they will really need. Then what will become of us veterans who will be stale, as compared to the stay-at-homes and those who were in American camps and could get all the training they needed in boxing?

You can readily understand what will confront us boxers who have no other profession, and who will come back from the enemy's territory unfit to get into ring action without a period of training. Promoters will be able to fill their cards with soldier boxers without paying exorbitant purses, and we who were good drawing cards before the war will probably have to submit or quit the game. Men like myself, softened by lack of proper foods, sleep and general poor surroundings while fighting the battle here, won't fare so well in the post-war rush for our old jobs.

I hope you print this letter for me and thereby start an open discussion, for my case is only one of hundreds.

BOBBY BERRY,
Somewhere on the Fighting Front in Italy.

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BEING a regular subscriber and follower of your RING Magazine, I would be very much obliged if you will publish the following letter in your magazine.

Having been both an amateur and professional fighter, and also a present member of the Veteran Boxers' Association of Philadelphia, Pa., with boxing my first love in sports, we have organized a boxing squad aboard a new cruiser of Uncle Sam's great Navy, which is really making a name as well as world history. Due to the great need of ships in a hurry, we left the United States without any athletic gear aboard and with the help of some of the officers and enlisted personnel, we were able to borrow enough gear to spur some interest in boxing among the young boys.

The result was amazing, and today we have one of the greatest teams on any ship in our service. I believe we have some talent which should be heard from after the war is over.

One of our able aids is Lucien Morin, a former fighter, hailing from Fisherville, Mass.

Your RING Magazines sure take a beating before all hands are through reading them, so here's hoping for continued success.

W. F. MALEC.

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YOU can't imagine how thrilled and pleased we were when you sent us those two speed bags. The boys on this ship can't thank you enough. You can rest assured that they will be kept in good use. I am glad that there are some good people in the States who think of us out here.

We are developing quite a boxing team on this ship. A working ship, we get little time to train, yet won three inter-ship matches. The lads of our ship and the athletic officer thank you for sending us the boxing bags. They come in handy, and are a great help in our training sessions.

I hope that this war soon ends in our favor and we can return to the boxing front again.

MIKE VITTI and the Boys,
Somewhere in the Pacific Area.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Army Finds Boxers Unfit for the Service
Many Name Fighters Receive Discharges
Quickly Return to Professional Boxing

MORE and more professional boxers are receiving medical discharges from the service. In fact, so many are coming back that promoters find their problems no little eased up.

As these medical discharges come back, and news of their renewed activity in the professional ring percolates to the overseas combat arenas, THE RING finds its daily mail bag containing many letters from soldiers, seamen and Marines, asking, "How come?"

THE RING wishes to remind these inquirers that the discharges are not awarded to the fighters by themselves.

The discharges are given to the boxers by the best Medical Corps in the world.

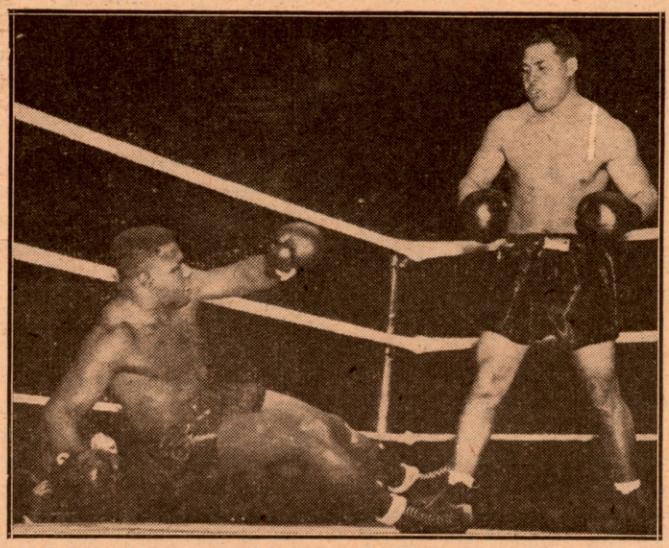
Here and there the doctors may be baffled by malingerers and out-and-out fakers. But the medicos do their best. They do their utmost, and they do it with patriotism, with high clinical skill, with a determination for the best possible reaction on the service.

THE RING is satisfied to accept the verdict as it comes from service medical examiners, with a keen appreciation of the tremendous task before these doctors.

The doctors are trying to keep as many men as possible in service. When a man is discharged, there is a definite and good reason. Our service men all know that.

If there are any fakers, they soon will be found out, and boxing will become much too hot a locale for them.

In the meantime, the medical examiners of our boxing commissions, and doctors connected with clubs in areas which lack commission rule, have before them the most vital job in the history of their particular activity.



The first of the four knockdowns scored by Joe Louis against Dan Merritt in the windup bout of his exhibition tour in Chicago.

Our boxing medical men must examine former service men discharged for medical reasons with extra expertness, and a very close watch for physical and psychiatric ailments. It is up to the medical examiners in boxing to prevent competition by boxers discharged from service with "buzzing in the head."

It behooves the examiners to prevent fistic contest by former service men with serious physical and mental reaction of any variety whatsoever. Boxing does not want to foot a serious bill for having allowed such discards to injure themselves permanently, beyond all hope of repair. Watch out, you boxing medicos! It is up to you to prevent the wartime boxing field from getting cluttered up with ex-servicemen cutting out paper dolls, and walking on their heels.

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SAMMY ANGOTT'S decision to hang up his gloves—this time for good—is a wise one. Sammy has seen his best days and should leave the field to younger men now that he cannot give his best. The former claimant to world lightweight honors, so recognized by the National Boxing Association, quit once before, just two years ago, but didn't stick to his decision.

With a scarcity of name fighters in the field, he decided to reap in some more shekels while the going was good and this he did by taking on some lucrative bouts during the past two years. But even Sammy finally realized that the public had become tired of seeing him clutch his way through a bout when he couldn't stand the pace against a more youthful opponent and at the age of thirty, with plenty of money put aside, a handsome home and a fine family to care for, he decided that it was time for him to call a halt to his boxing career.

Some time before his first retirement he hurt his hand and in his bout with Jimmy McDaniels in the Garden recently, he again injured it. That was enough for him. He called off his match with Billy Arnold in Philly because he knew that without two good hands to stand off the heavy hitting Negro knockout artist, he would be a mark for punishment. Thus he quits with the record of never having been counted out.

Sammy was not a showy battler. Many fight fans didn't like his style. But he always gave his best and managed somehow to come through the victor far more often than the loser. When pressed, he could fight back like the best of 'em.

Sammy can now settle down to a more quiet life, free from constant travel, such as he has dreamed of for a long time.

Sammy, who started as an amateur in 1932 and went professional three years later, will be 30 in January. He is married, has two children and owns his own home, one of the show places of his western Pennsylvania city.

"The fight game has been very good to me," says Sammy. "I have practically everything a person could dream of. My family, my health, money in the bank and some real estate. I see no reason to hurt myself permanently by continuing."

Angott won the National Boxing Association championship by beating Davey Day in Louisville in 1940, and took the New York version from Lew Jenkins in New York a few months later.

He retired after his second Montgomery fight in 1942, and then reentered the ring in March, 1943, to hand Willie Pep his first beating in 63 fights. After encountering difficulty in making weight for Zurita, he advanced to the welterweight division.

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REFEREES seem to have the jitters these days judging by the many weird decisions rendered in various parts of the country. The latest to catch the eyes of the fight fans was the decision

of the third man in the ring in the bout between George "Sugar" Costner and Sgt. Lou Woods at the Chicago Stadium, the main event on the card that had Joe Louis wind up his exhibition tour with Dan Merritt as his opponent.

In the final bout Woods was disqualified apparently for going down without being hit. Woods was dropped with a right to the chin in the third round and took a count of five. He got to his feet, then dropped back to the canvas, for which he was ruled out and Costner given the decision. The referee acted according to the rules of the Chicago Commission, which reads:

"Rule 90—Should a contestant who is 'down,' arise before the count of ten is reached and again go down intentionally without being struck, the referee shall disqualify the offender."

The ambiguity of that rule calls for a revision of the Illinois code. The word "Intentional" leaves it to the discretion of the referee to decide whether the fighter who went down did so because he wanted to avoid punishment or was physically unable to stand on his feet. Therefore, such disqualification places the contestant in the light of a quitter when as a matter of record, in the case of Sgt. Woods, he has proved repeatedly that he is far from being that sort of a fighter.

In New York, the rule pertaining to such a case as that of Woods, also contains the word "intentionally," but at least in the Empire State, the officials are ordered to resume the count where they left off when the boxer who was floored, got to his feet. The rule reads:

"Should a contestant who is down arise before the count of ten and then go down again intentionally without being struck, the timekeeper and the referee shall resume the count where it left off."

That is a much fairer rule. That is how it should be. The Boxing Commissions in all states should amend their code to carry the above wording if they already haven't done so. There is no way of telling whether the fighter who drops to the canvas again after arising has gone down because he was badly hurt or to avoid further punishment. We must give him the benefit of the doubt.

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THE death of Papa Levy, one-time manager of Battling Siki and part manager of Marcel Thil, one-time world middleweight king, leaves only a few of the old handlers of famed pugilists still around. Of these, Jimmy Johnston at 69 is the outstanding. Jimmy has seen many summers and winters go by and is as young in spirit and activity today as he was thirty years ago. Once an importer of top-ranking British talent, Jimmy has gone in for importations again by bringing to this country a big, husky South American, Fernando Menichelli from Argentina. He is not by a long shot a second Luis Firpo, but as fighters go today, he should do well against the type of talent available. Even should he lose several contests, he still will remain a good drawing attraction as he is a wild swinging fighter who can take it and shows no fear.

When Papa Levy brought Siki, the Senegalese, to this country, he presented a fighter to the American public who, though wild as a March hare, was fearless and could sock. This, combined with his eccentricities, enabled him to make a hit with the fans and he soon reaped a fortune.

Bob Levy was born in London years ago. He came to this country at the age of six, settled in the lower section of New York, and after graduation from school, he became a semi-pro and later a professional ball player. He wound up with the North Adams team of the Eastern League and accompanied that team on its tour of England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. Upon his return in 1895, he joined the U. S. Customs Service and remained with it for 23 years.

Sammy Angott who has hung up his gloves, this time for good.

During his spare time he trained many famous fighters and when he retired from the Customs Service, he devoted all his time to boxing. Among the men he handled were Filipinos, Cubans, Panamanians, French, in addition to Siki and several American boys.

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MANUEL ORTIZ, the farmer from El Centro, Cal., who is owner of the N.B.A. lightweight crown, had a close call in the third round of his championship bout with Luis Castillo at Los Angeles, but as in all of his other battles, he showed his fighting courage, came back with a plucky rally, pulled himself together and again emerged triumphant in the twelfth successful defense of his title. He stopped Castillo in the ninth round.

Castillo unleashed a stunning barrage in the second round, in which he put Ortiz on the canvas for a no-count, then had the champ reeling for the remainder of the round and kept his supporters in a state of frenzy. But that was as far as Castillo could get.

The minute's rest between the second and third sessions was sufficient to enable Ortiz to regain his senses and from then to the finish it was all in favor of the title holder. Castillo was dropped again in the sixth. The bout was halted because of a deep gash under the left eye, the same thing that caused Castillo to lose their first fight. The referee, Benny Whitman, intervened and awarded the verdict to Ortiz.

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THE latest city to come back into the boxing fold is Lawrence, Mass., home of some of the greatest professional fighters who flourished in the days of the mighty John L. Sullivan. On November 9, the New Winter Garden threw open its doors to the money chasers. It staged the first show held in Lawrence in twelve years and judging by the reception the boxers received, it should remain open and should flourish, as are all other clubs in New England.

In the feature bout Jimmy Mulligan, scaling 170 pounds, dropped Abe Overland of New York, 180, for the count in the third round.

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CALIFORNIA stands all by itself when it comes to weird decisions based on just as silly rules. The case of Raul Zenit and Eddie Hudson offers food for thought. These two lightweights were engaged in a ten-rounder at Hollywood, and for five rounds Zenit was having the better of the milling according to the score of Referee Benny Whitman. Then came an accidental butt by Hudson in the sixth round and when the referee decided that the cut was too deep to permit Zenit to continue, he awarded the fight to Zenit on a "technical knockout," according to the California code.

How a fighter who cannot continue, regardless of the reason, can be given a kayo victory over his opponent who stands ready to battle on, is something for Bob Ripley to solve. Under the rules of boxing, as listed in every state but California, when a fighter cannot continue, no matter what the cause, he loses the fight. While all such states, according to their regulations, call for such an ending to be listed as a T.K.O. in favor of the man who can carry on, THE RING calls it a knockout. It is a knockout according to the meaning of a K.O.—knockout of time—cannot continue.

When a fighter is accidentally fouled, if it is so ruled by the referee, then why penalize the opponent by handing him a black mark—a knockout according to the official verdict. The man so designated hasn't been off his feet. He hasn't even been in distress, yet his record shows that HE was halted—not his opponent, because of a silly ruling that has no place in boxing.

If the third man who is in a position (Continued on page 39)

Hitting the Spotlight

By FRED EISENSTADT

FREDDIE RUSSO

FEATHERWEIGHT Freddie Russo is an undefeated boxer, both as an amateur —12 contests, and a professional—44 bouts. As a simon-pure, he won the novice featherweight title, also the "open" and State AAU championship. He turned pro five months later and has continued his string of victories up to this writing.

Russo is one of the most sought after scrappers in the ring today. Not alone because he is undefeated, but because of his aggressive, two-fisted style of fighting. He is on the move all the time.

Born in Rahway, N. J., on October 3, 1925, Freddie's fighting days began in grammar school—and after school hours. After licking all the toughest kids in his own class who were willing to fight him, he selected the biggest lads in other classes and trounced most of them. Neither his parents nor teachers could do anything to check his pugnacious proclivities. It was practically the same at St. Peter's High School when he beat up his classmates.

"I played baseball there," related Freddie with a beaming smile, "but the truth is, I had fighting on my mind all the time. Boys usually dream about becoming engineers, doctors, lawyers, G-men and stuff like that. Me, all I thought about ever since I could think, was that I wanted to become a prizefighter. So my brother, Danny, a pretty good amateur boxer, began teaching me the finer points of boxing—with my father's permission. My father, you see, was getting disgusted with my street fighting."

Russo participated in his first amateur tournament in January, 1942. He won all his 12 contests. In June of the same year he turned pro because he craved keener competition. He vanquished eleven opponents in his home state, then decided to seek new worlds to conquer.

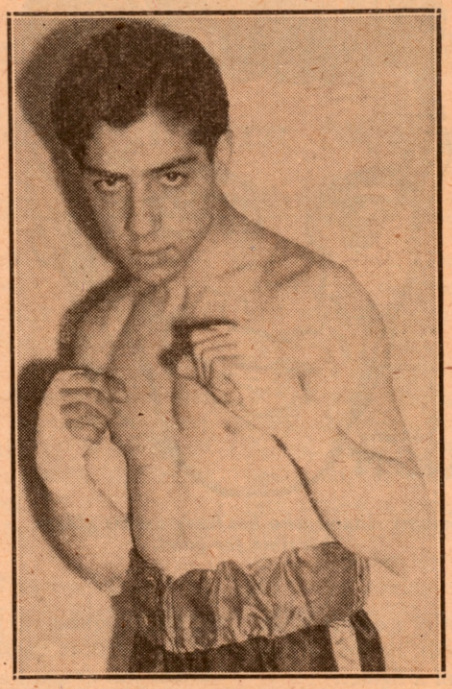
After "shopping around" for a capable manager, Freddie finally selected Irving Cohen—one of the keenest fight pilots in the business. To date, in 45 pro bouts, Russo has not sustained a single loss. Billy Smith held him to a draw, as did Mario Colon, whom Freddie later defeated in Madison Square Garden.

Some of the boxers Russo kayoed are: Tommy Murray, Zach Taylor, Victor Jade, Johnny Cockfield, who went the distance with the N.B.A. featherweight champ, Sal Bartolo, Young Lee Q. Murray, Rocky Progano, three times, and Clyde English. His latest K.O. victim was Willie Walker in one round.

A few of the fighters over whom he won are: Jerry Darby, Pete Virgin, twice; Georgie Cooper, Frank Leta, twice; Johnny Juliano, Walter "Cabey" Lewis, three times; Blonde Tiger, Willie Smith, Charley Noel, five times. He completely outclassed former featherweight champ, Mike Belloise, who is licking many good fighters in California.

"I've tried over and over to get Harry Jeffra and Phil Terranova to fight Russo," explained Cohen, "but they flatly refuse any reasonable offer I make them to tangle with the kid."

Russo is eager to top the mark of 62 straight set by Willie Pep. Perhaps he can succeed.



Freddie Russo, who has rolled up a record of twenty-four victories and one draw in twenty-five bouts this year.

The New Jersey youngster is strongly and solidly built. He appears formidable in the ring. His game and aggressive style inspires awe, if not fear, in his foes. He rips into his opponents at the sound of the gong, waging a fierce two-fisted attack, refusing to take a backstep. The boy has not yet acquired the necessary fistic polish to stamp him a great boxer, but he's learning fast; his willingness to mix it with good punchers and seasoned scrappers makes him an interesting ring performer.

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"BEE BEE" WRIGHT

EVEN the most skeptical person in the beak busting business has to admit that Bee Bee Wright, 18-year-old Pennsylvania welterweight, must have something extra in the line of fisticuffs to earn fourth place in THE RING'S Monthly Ratings in the January issue. The real convincer comes when you look at his record and see the prominent boxers whom the boy has defeated.

Since turning pro in March, 1943, Bee Bee has won 25 of his 27 contests. Among his victims are such seasoned scrappers as Izzy Jannazzo, Frankie Wills, Johnny Roszina, Ernest "Cat" Robinson, Lige Drew. He was stopped by Nick Latsios—who went ten terrific rounds with Henry Armstrong. But Wright more than evened the score with Latsios. He licked Nick and then knocked him out.

Bee Bee also kayoed Tommy Mollis and Steve Riggio, the latter twice. He also defeated Rocky Graziano and went the distance with Jimmy McDaniels. Says Chris Dundee, popular fight manager:

"Wright is one of the finest boxers in the ring today. In fact, one of the cleverest I ever saw. He's fast, moves like a seasoned ringman, can punch from any angle —and his wallop carries plenty of force. Although Bee Bee is only a kid—still going to high school, I understand, he can more than hold his own with any welter in the business. In a year or so Bee Bee Wright will be unbeatable."

Coming from a real expert, that is praise, indeed.

Born James Maletta, in Waterloo, Iowa, on February 4, 1926, Bee Bee came to Clairton, Pa., at the age of 2, when his father passed away. At Clairton, he lived with his grandfather, a professional wrestler. The boy adopted his grandpop's last name; and he earned the tag "Bee Bee" because as a child he liked bees.

He took to boxing because two of his uncles were fighters. At 14 Bee Bee began to show promise as a boxer. Dr. Joseph A. Randall, a physician of Clairton, took an interest in the lad and has been looking after him ever since, in the capacity of manager and guardian.

Wright is still attending Clairton High School where, until he became a professional boxer, he was a track and football star. "But the boy loves the ring," said Dr. Randall. "And a man can do best what he likes best. Bee Bee is a good piano player. Among his other accomplishments is the trick of playing a harmonica and guitar at the same time.

The young Negro boxer is deeply religious. He reads the Bible in his dressing room before every ring engagement.

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BOBBY BROWN

IN his first fight under the management of Irving Cohen and Jack Healy, which took place at the St. Nicholas Arena, Bobby Brown scored a great hit by administering such a severe beating to the durable Ralph Tiovelli, that the referee stopped the uneven battle and awarded it by a TKO to Brown. The Negro lad's terrific body-punching and vicious smashes to the head rocked Tiovelli all through the contest.

For a middleweight, Bobby packs plenty of power in his punches. He is a strong, solidly-put-together young man—willing to take a punch in order to get his own across. Brown shoots a jarring left jab and when in close, his fists work fast. He can drive short wicked blows to the body.

For a boxer whose entire professional record consists of only 17 battles, Bobby displays surprising skill in the ring. More than half of the men he has boxed have had considerable experience in the squared circle.

Born in Philadelphia, April 8, 1923, Bobby graduated from Central High School in 1940 where his football playing won him a scholarship to attend Lincoln University.

"I took up Latin," explained Brown, "and studied chemistry and physics. In 1941—nine months later—I dropped my studies and joined the Army. I was assigned to guard German war prisoners. Later, I was made staff sergeant in the Military Police."

He was honorably discharged after two and a half years of service.

Bobby's interest in fisticuffs developed

Bee Bee Wright of Washington, an eighteen-year-old welter, who has a good record.

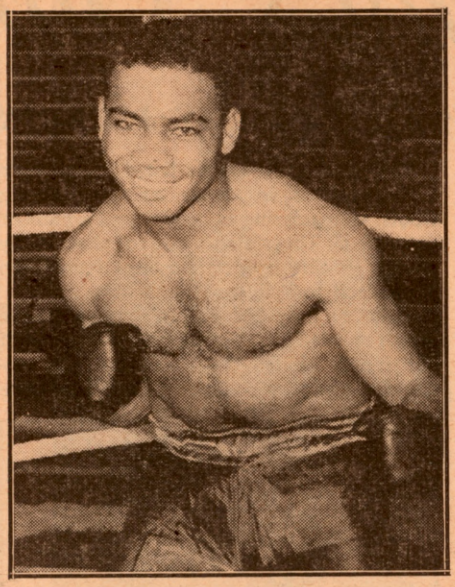
while he was in the Army. After sparring with his buddies on several occasions, he entered a few boxing tournaments held by the various camps. In 1942 he won the Third Corps Area welterweight title.

During a month's furlough in August, 1943, he acted as sparring partner for Ray Robinson—helping "Sugar" prepare for his bout with Henry Armstrong at the Garden. His strong, muscular body and aggressive fighting caught the interest of George Gainsford, Ray's manager. He spoke to Clement C. Atkinson, who was looking after Bobby Brown, declaring that he would like to handle the boy. It was so agreed.

Gainsford, however, soon discovered that he was too busy looking after Robinson and regretfully let Bobby go. In a short time Cohen and Healy became Brown's managers.

The powerful young Negro works out at Stillman's daily. He often boxes with two and sometimes three men during an afternoon.

"I am anxious to make a success of boxing," Bobby explained good-naturedly. "Especially so because I want to earn enough money to buy a home for my



Bobby Brown, a young middleweight who packs a good wallop.

mother and also do away with her financial worries. My ambition—after I'm through as a boxer—is to become a pharmacist."

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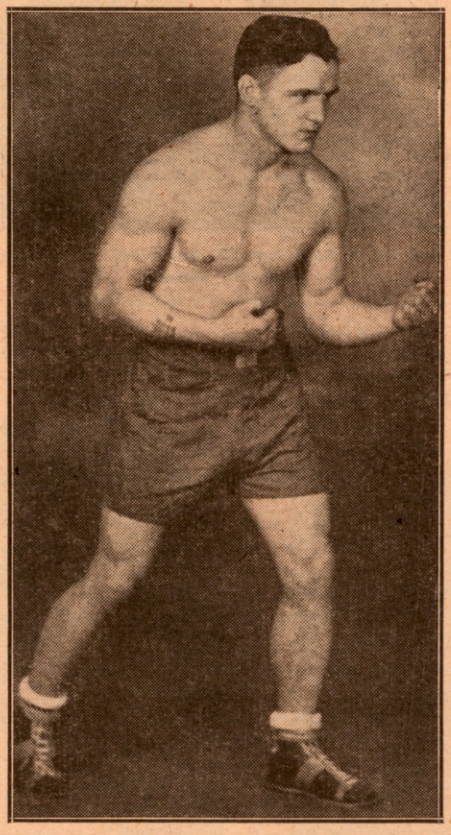

Ben Duffy of the British Royal Navy, a featherweight, who is making headway.

BEN DUFFY

BEN DUFFY, a London boy, who is in the British Royal Navy, is making fine headway in his division. In his last three fights he knocked out Hal Cartwright in eight rounds and won from Dave Crowley in eight and from Jimmy Brady in ten. He has had sixteen fights this year. Among the boys he has met are Al Phillips, Jackie Paterson, Nel Tarleton, Syd Worgan, Len Davies, Jimmy Stubbs and Jim Brady. He bears watching.

1945 RING RECORD BOOK

The last of the large volumes of Nat Fleischer's All-Time RING Record Book has been published with the 1944 edition.

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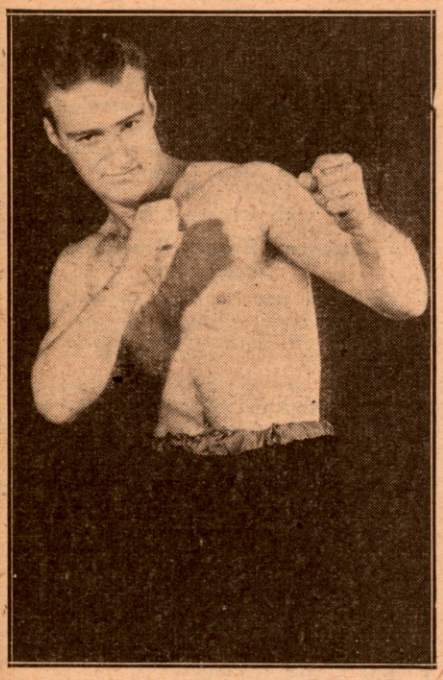
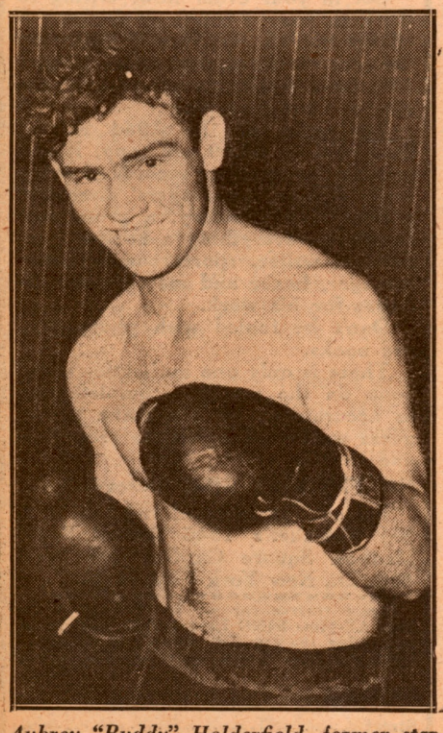
The Ring's Honor Roll

By CPL. JIMMY HEARNS



Ken Smith who is in the Air Force Overseas.

THE return of Jimmy Bivins to civilian life after only six months of service in the army, the announcement at Fort Benning that Beau Jack, New York's recognized world champion, will be honorably discharged because of a slight lameness, the return of Joe Louis to camp after a furlough during which he went on an exhibition tour and the completion of Billy Conn's tour in the Mediterranean sector, were the highlights of the month among the boxers in the armed forces.



Aubrey "Buddy" Holderfield, former star amateur.

Reports from overseas listed seven more fighters killed in action on our fighting fronts, four missing in action, and a number decorated. They also showed that many boxers in this country's camps have been discharged for physical disability.

Since D day, 107 such discharges have been recorded. According to this, many of our famed boxers "must be suffering terribly" when they engage in their profitable

Johnny Hauck, one of the Hauck boys who is in the service.

bouts as headliners of shows in our biggest arenas. Too bad that they are forced to ply their trade at big, fat fees, when their discharge records show that they are unfit for strenuous duty. How come that the medical advisers of our Commissions find these same fighters in "perfect physical condition"? We wonder!

One of the most famous boxers listed as killed, is Irish Mickey Gill of the Pacific Coast, a lad who was born in Canada but made California his home and took part in many thrilling battles there. Mickey was killed in the recent drive in France. He was a clever scrapper, fearless as they come and when in his prime, he took on the best. One of his classiest performances was that against Clever Sencio at the old Recreation Park.

Ensign Tommy La Scotte, 22-year-old, 118-pound champion at the Army Air Base Pre-Flight School, was killed in a plane crash in Florida, on October 31.

THE RING records show that as of December 1, 4507 pro fighters had donned the uniform. The majority of those inducted in recent days are boys who had turned to the money ranks only within the past year but had made their mark as amateurs.

Short sketches of men in the service follow:

KEN SMITH

AFTER three years of participation in the New Jersey Golden Gloves and Diamond Belt tournaments Ken Smith of Bloomfield, New Jersey, reached t Diamond Belt finals in 1942, but was for to withdraw because "the call to duty" ca along at the identical time at which t finals were being fought.

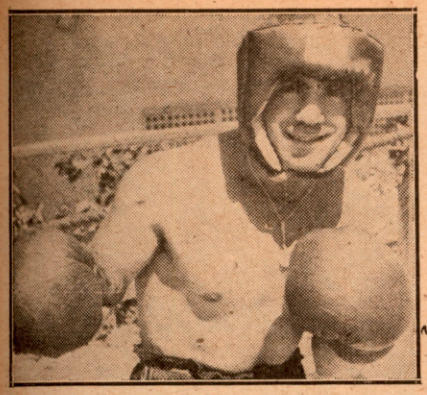
The Bloomfield boxer went on to Kee Field, Miss., and in addition to perform his army duties there, was able to an the lightweight championship of that fie "Smitty" is now overseas in England wh the records at this, one of the largest st tegic air depots in the United Kingdo have him down as Corporal Kenneth Smith, propeller maintenance man, age He is with the Eighth Air Force Comma

Boxing, a universal favorite where G.I.'s go, was especially so with those w went to London on pass or furlough. Rai bow Corner, Red Cross Headquarters, a more aptly called the Madison Squa Garden of England, was where th flocked by the hundreds on Tuesday nigh to see for themselves the bouts which h been ballyhooed in the *Stars and Strip* the Army daily, all week. They were often disappointed. The rivalry was ke and the competition rough, for the be fighters in the service anxious to meet on the best chose Rainbow Corner as the pla most appropriate to show their wares.

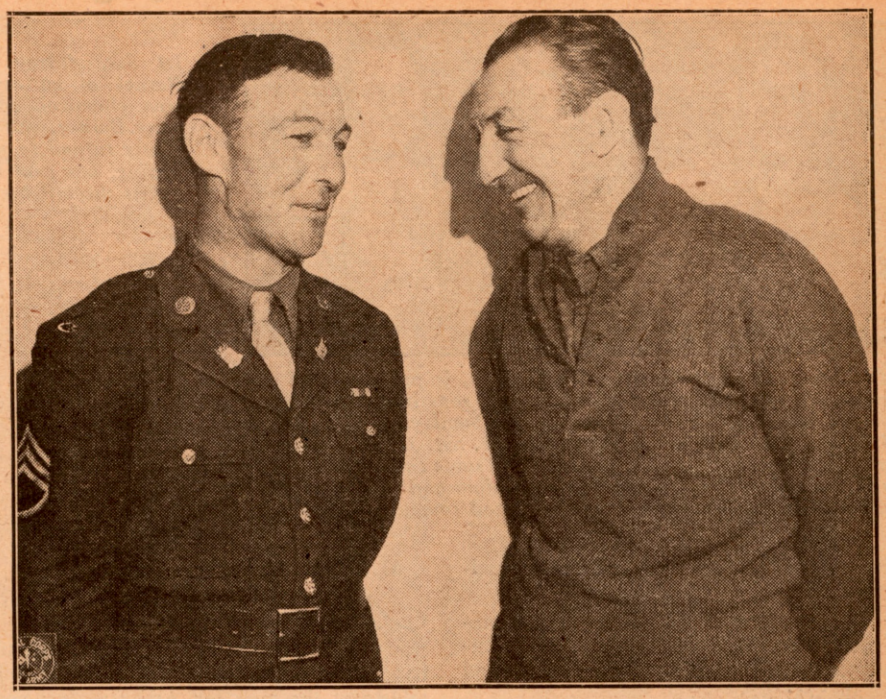
With sixteen army fights already und

Sgt. Al Hoosman, giant Negro who is well thought of as a boxer in Australia.

his belt and a perfect record in all of them "Smitty" could not help but make his appearance there. Because of his military duties and the urgency of his presence in the prop shop, he couldn't appear as often as he would have liked, but between Octo-



Frankie Caruso, Providence pro stationed in Brazil.



Sgt. John E. Downey (left), and Arthur Donovan, famous New York referee, who are in Alaska to officiate at the army championship bouts.

ber and December, 1943, he gained the reputation of being one of the classiest boys there.

In his four fights at Rainbow, "Smitty" emerged victorious each time, scoring a third round K.O. in his fourth and last fight. He was a finalist in the Eighth Service Command's tournament and again was forced to withdraw from the finals when a championship was just within his reach—this time because of a hand injury sustained during the semi-finals.

Smitty's blonde head bobbing and weaving around the squared circle, his classy footwork, and the dynamic right hand he has developed since coming to England were familiar sights at Rainbow Corner. Increased military duties due to pressing needs after the Invasion, have called G.I. boxing in England to a halt, but Smitty during his spare hours from duty at the depot is still keeping in shape and hopes to turn pro once he returns to civilian life.

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THE HAUCK BOYS

LANCASTER, PA., is proud of the showing its boys have made in the world war but no one in that city is prouder than Leo Hauck one of the best welters and middleweights this country has ever produced. Leo has ample reason to feel cocky, for all of his sons are in the armed forces.

F/O Leo Hauck, Jr., is a glider pilot. He attended Catholic University before joining the colors. He was a star at baseball, football and in boxing. Johnny Hauck is in the Air Force.

Then there is Pvt. Edward B. Hauck who is attached to an infantry unit somewhere on the battlefields of France. He attended the University of Miami and played football and baseball while he was in college.

And Thomas W. Hauck who enlisted while still a student at Lancaster Catholic High School and is now somewhere in the South Pacific. He was a football and baseball player.

The Hauck boys are a credit to their illustrious dad, Coach of Boxing at Penn State University.

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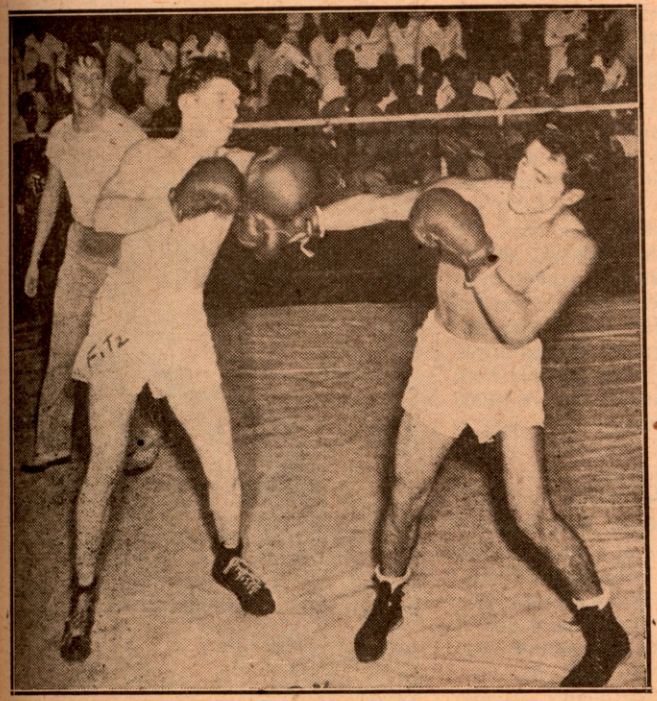
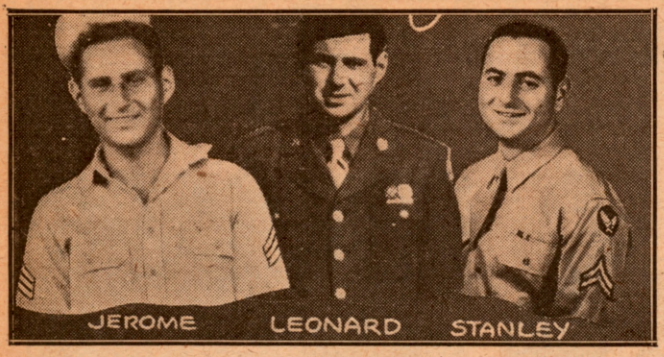
ALSTON JAMES HOOSMAN

AUSTRALIAN fistic followers think well of the chances of Alston James Hoosman to make good in boxing. He is an American Negro soldier stationed in the Antipodes. Hoosman, who was born in Waterloo, Iowa, got his fistic start in Los Angeles where he moved and from where he enlisted. In his last bout as an amateur, he won the Pacific Coast Golden Gloves heavyweight crown, and then engaged in



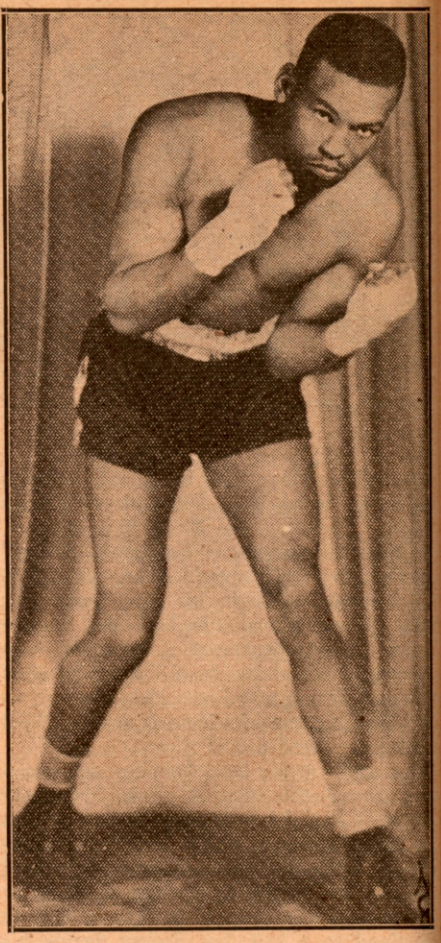
John L. Fitzgerald, a novice who looms as a fine boxing prospect for the Navy.

Bill Cohan, the toughest Seabee in Uncle Sam's service. He is an expert at Judo.



Max Joss, owner of the Broadway Arena, is proud of his contribution to the war effort. Max has three sons in the service and all are overseas. Jerome, Leonard and Stanley, well known to Brooklyn fight fans, are doing a fine job. Sgt. Jerome is serving in India where he has been stationed for some time. Pvt. Leonard is in the Infantry with the army in Belgium and Sgt. Stanley is a member of the Ninth Air Force stationed somewhere in France.

1st Sgt. Autrey V. Barnes of an overseas chemical company. Barnes, who recently turned to pro boxing, has won his first three fights.



three pro fights before he donned the uniform.

As a member of the armed forces, stationed in Seattle, Wash., he won three contests. He has been in Australia for two and a half years.

Hoosman stands 6 feet 5 inches and scales over the 200 pound mark. He is known by the fighting name of Al Hoosman. He is a fine looking fellow, brawny and physically perfect. He is a man of varied talents. He is an excellent singer and often has entertained the service men. He is married and is 24 years old.

His best bout overseas was with Alabama Kid when Hoosman's cleaner punches carried the fight and gained for him the verdict, despite the fact that the Kid dropped Al for a count of nine in the first round.

Al knocked out the Australian champion, Herb Narvo of Brisbane and according to Fred Pilbrow, Australian scribe, "Hoosman is the cleverest Negro heavyweight seen in Brisbane since Sam McVey's visit, thirty years ago. He has speed, a clever defense, can hit hard and has a long reach."

Floriant Desmarais of Manchester, N. H., who won the Inter-Allied lightweight championship in Algiers. He is a good, solid hitter. In the finals he pounded out a victory over Cherfie Maamar of the French Navy.

AUBREY "BUDDY" HOLDERFIELD

AUBREY ("BUDDY") HOLDERFIELD, Scott schoolboy-farmer who is a nationally-recognized amateur boxer at 18, was honored as the outstanding athlete of the year for Arkansas in being voted the Neil Martin Memorial trophy by the Arkansas Association of the A.A.U.

The bashful product of the North Little Rock Boys Club, now a soldier who is taking his basic training with an IRTC unit at Camp Robinson, was selected for his five years of campaigning in the state and nation in four different weights, his climb culminating in the national Golden Gloves lightweight championship last spring.

Buddy has been active in A.A.U. boxing since 1936, when he won a title as a 60-pounder. He achieved his first recognition in winning the state flyweight championship at Russellville in 1940. He was entered in the National A.A.U. meet at Boston but lost his first bout.

In 1941 Holderfield won the bantamweight title in Arkansas, but again was ousted in the early rounds at Boston. He returned in 1942 to capture the state A.A.U. and Golden Gloves featherweight crowns. He went to the finals at Boston that year, losing a close decision to James Morlowe of Albany, N. Y. In 1943 Buddy swept the state lightweight honors, but lost in the semifinals of the Chicago Golden Gloves and in the final at Boston was forced to lose on a technical knockout to Chuck Hunter of Cleveland.

Holderfield hit his stride this year. He went to Chicago for the nationals and in the finals, put on the greatest exhibition of skill in 16 bouts before 16,000 to win the coveted title from Johnny Bratton, a Chicago Negro. He represented Chicago in the matches with New York and defeated Max Grothe, the Manhattan champ, before 18,000 in Madison Square Garden.

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FRANKIE CARUSO

ADD to your list of New England boys who are doing a swell job for their country, Frankie Caruso of Providence, Rhode Island, who quit the ring around 1937, at which time he was one of the leading featherweights in the New England area.

Frankie is down in the South Atlantic Area (Brazil) training men in the manly art of fisticuffs, and is turning out some fine material. His team, representing the naval station in Recife, Brazil, has yet to be defeated in competition.

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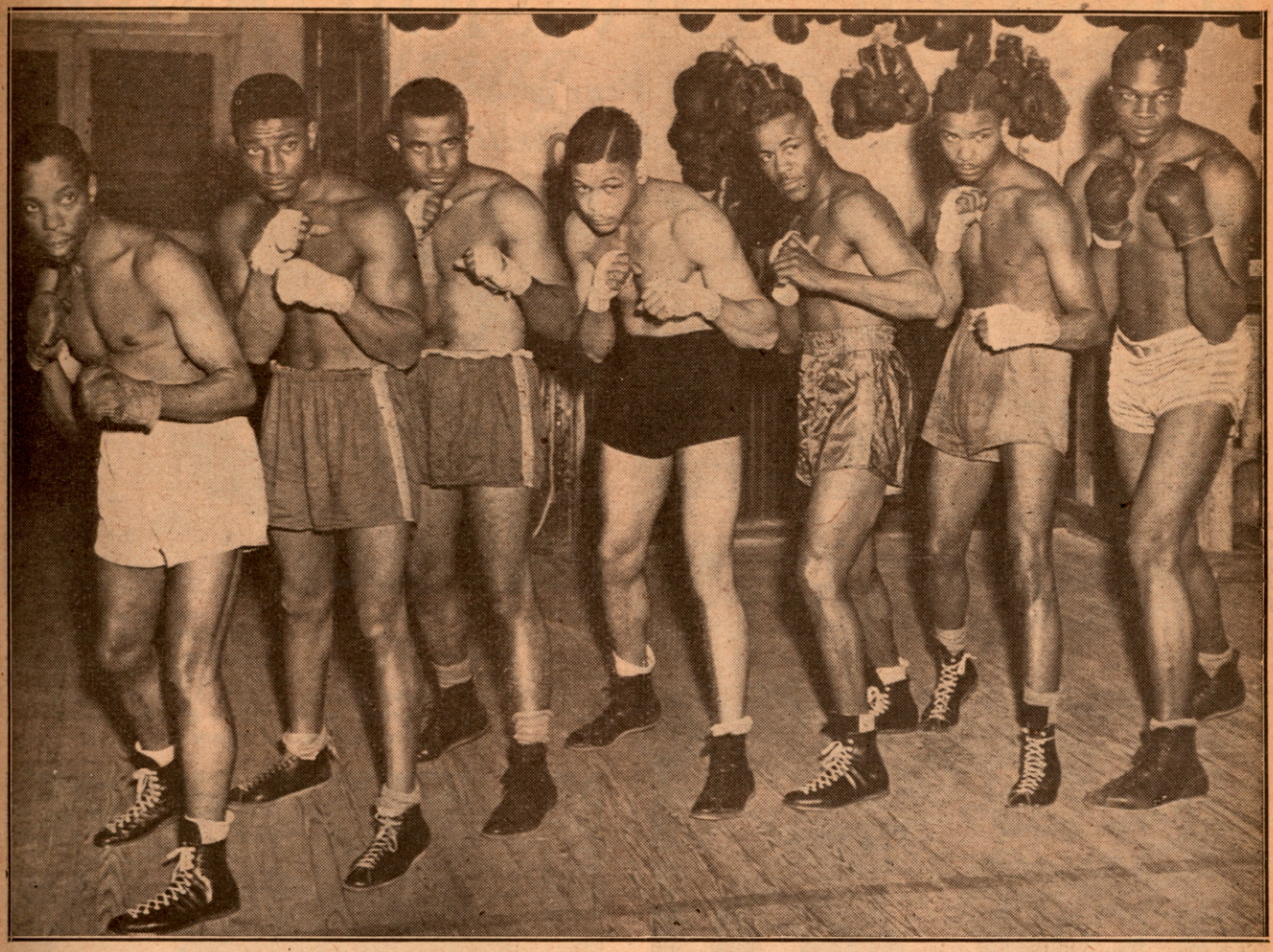
SGT. JOHN E. DOWNEY

NO man has ever become "punchy" from refereeing boxing matches and it was a decision not to follow in the footsteps of so many broken down fighters found around any boxing club that led Sgt. John E. Downey from a participant's role to that of refereeing. His ability as a fight official led to his present assignment

Trigger McPhail, a Navy lad hailing from Detroit. He is a good pugilist.



Seven members of the boxing team of the First Quartermaster Training Group at Camp Lee. They are the winners of the Southern Virginia district tournament which includes posts in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania of the Third Service Command. They will now compete for the Service Command title and individual championships. Pictured above are (left to right): Baby Giles, Walt Hoosier, Willie Roach, Charley Cooper, Walt Ward, Bob McQuillar and Dale Hall. Captain Peter Finnerty, QMC, directs the boys.

of assisting Art Donovan, nationally known fight official, in refereeing the all-Alaska Department championship boxing tournament.

Sergeant Downey boxed seven years as an amateur and was about to start a professional boxing career when he turned to the refereeing and training end of the game. He eventually became a top notch fight official refereeing most of the important bouts in San Francisco, the city he has claimed as his home since his birth there in 1905.

He was the third man in the ring for the Billy Conn-Young Corbett bout held in 1938 at San Francisco's Dreamland Rink when Conn was just starting up the ladder of fame that led to the championship bout with Joe Louis. Other top flight bouts at which Downey officiated included the Ray Impeletier-Phil Brubaker match, the Fred Apostoli-Red Farmer match, and the Little Dado-Little Pancho match for the flyweight championship.

Sergeant Downey enlisted in the Army on March 6, 1942, and he was stationed at Craig Field where he worked as crew chief and maintenance instructor for the preflight trainees. His off-duty hours were spent at the gym training boxers and officiating at boxing matches.

While in Alaska, Sergeant Downey was the chief official for the mainland semi-finals held at Fort Richardson, November 17, 18, 20 and 22, and he assisted Donovan with the finals on November 30, December 1 and 2.

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SGT. NAT LEHRER

SGT. NAT LEHRER of New York City, who is assisting Art Donovan, nationally-known fight referee, with the officiating of the Alaskan Department championship boxing tournament, brings to this command a background of 15 years in the fight game.

Born in the lower east side of the Gotham city, Sergeant Lehrer had to use his fists to survive in the every day life of his neighborhood. At the age of 15, he decided to confine his fighting talents to the ring and began appearing in amateur shows. He fought under the ring name of Nat Lewis and amassed a string of boxing victories both as an amateur and in pay circles.

In three years of simon pure activities, he entered the ring 65 times, winning 40 of those matches by knockouts and only dropping two decisions. Turning professional at the age of 18, Sergeant Lehrer, still known as Nat Lewis, fought 50 matches winning 30 of them by the kayo route and only dropping 10 bouts by decision. In the seven years that he fought as both an amateur and professional, he was never knocked out.

Among the better known professionals Sergeant Lehrer met were Joe Greb, Pat Robertson and Young Brown of Philadelphia. His trail in the world of fisticuffs led him to several matches at Madison Square Garden, the ultimate goal of all fighters.

In 1936 Sergeant Lehrer retired as an active participant and turned to training and managing professional fighters. Among the better known professionals he helped develop were Irving Richmond, Johnny Tate and Herbie Kranowitz, the latter reaching the top as a leading contender for the welterweight title.

While in this command, Sergeant Lehrer assisted Donovan with the semi-final tournament to determine the Aleutian championships, and then returned to the mainland for the final events to determine the all-Alaska championships.

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NAVY'S SEABEES

THE kind of fighting that our men are encountering in the South Pacific is being brought home daily to the Seabees in their training quarters at Camp Parks in California with the "Roughest Guys in the World," showing the lads how to tackle the problem. The "Roughest Guys" are five Commando Specialists of the Navy Seabees. They are Bob Printy, judo instructor and former contender for middleweight wrestling honors; Bernie Hughes, knife specialist and former All-American football

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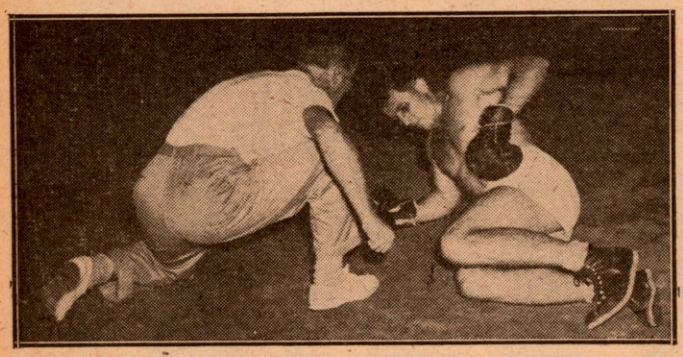
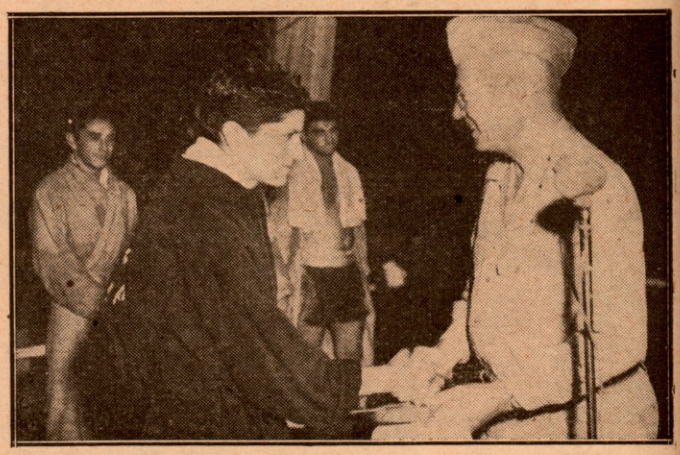
Americal Division Finals

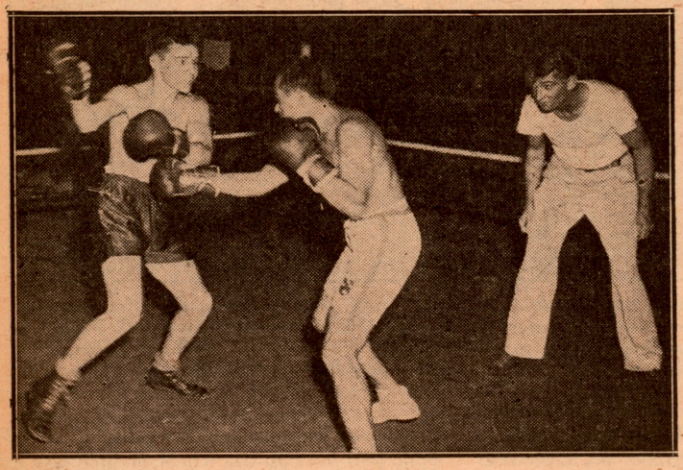
Several Thousand GI Fight Fans in South Pacific See Eight Champions Crowned in Thrilling Contests



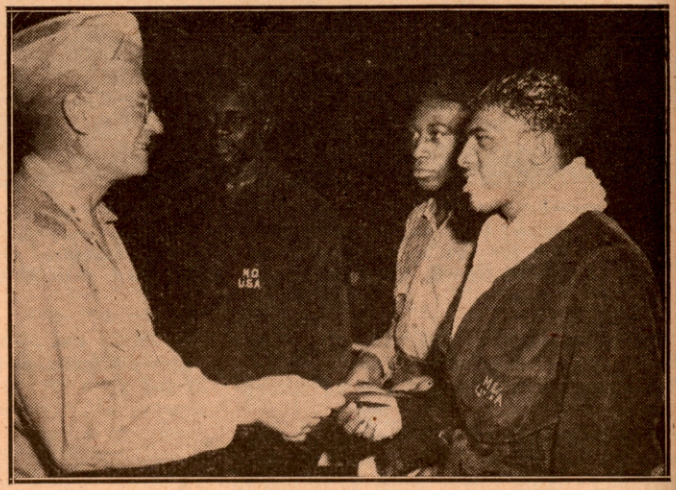
Referee Joey Speigel, former pro fighter from Uniontown, Pa., counting out Cpl. Nick Kanakas of Harlem, New York, during finals of middleweight boxing championships of the Americal Division somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Kanakas went down from a vicious solar plexus left hook thrown by Pfc. Bernie Reynolds of Bellingham, Wash.



Maj. Gen. O. W. Griswold of Elko, Nev., commander of the 14th Army Corps, congratulating Pfc. Mark Carillo of Los Angeles after the latter staged amazing comeback that had big GI audience in uproar during the boxing championships. Nearly knocked out in the first round, Carillo brought up a haymaker from nowhere in second heat to kayo Pvt. Oliver Hill of Syracuse, N. Y., for lightweight crown.



Pfc. George Gould of Youngstown, O., about to toss a right hand at Pfc. Tony Solis of Brooklyn. Gould won cleancut decision in finals of Jungle Island boxing championships. They are featherweights. Their division, the Americal, fought at Guadalcanal and Bougainville.



Maj. Gen. O. W. Griswold, commanding the 14th Army Corps, congratulates three Negro boxers who fought in finals of Jungle Island championships. Two of three won. The fighters are, from left: Pvt. Jim Turner of Detroit, Mich., the Navy's C. Turner, O.C.K. 3/c, from Cleveland, O., and Pvt. Robert Adams of White Plains, N. Y. Adams dropped a loudly booed decision. Most of the GI rooters thought he had won.

THE JUNGLE SQUARE GARDEN of the Americal Division, situated somewhere in the South Pacific, was the scene of eight thrilling bouts in the finals of the championship tournament that had been going on for a month. Boys from almost every state were represented, and several thousand GI fight fans were the spectators.

High ranking officers enjoyed the show as much as did the soldiers who have seen action aplenty and take advantage of entertainment of any kind when opportunity presents itself. Cpl. Joey Speigel, former professional fighter from Uniontown, Pa., in charge of the affair, put on a great show for the men and was congratulated for the sizzling action bouts, the best seen in the South Pacific. The champions crowned are:

Heavyweight—Pvt. Jim Turner, 206, Detroit, Mich.
Light-heavyweight—Cpl. Paul Perrotti, 177, Cleveland, O.
Middleweight—Pfc. Bernie Reynolds, 166, Bellingham, Wash.
Senior Welterweight—T/3g Copeland Turner, 157, Cleveland, O.
Welterweight—Pfc. Wilfred Corona, 143, Sacramento, Cal.
Lightweight—Pfc. Mark Carillo, 135, Los Angeles, Cal.
Featherweight—Pfc. George Gould, 127, Youngstown, O.
Bantamweight—Pvt. Milo Davis, 119, Everett, Wash.

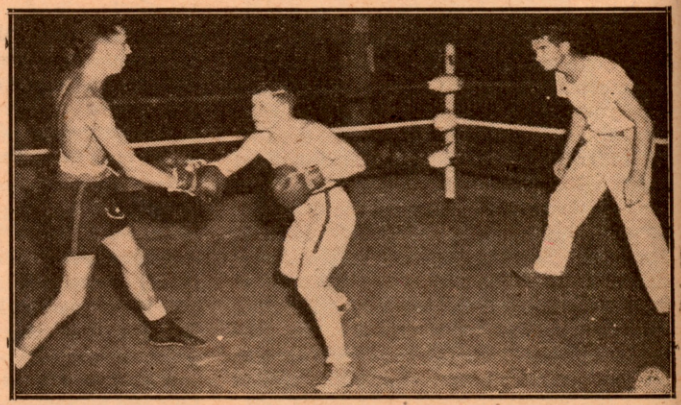


Photo shows Pvt. Milo Davis of Everett, Wash., in action against Pfc. J. P. (Joe) Rodriquez of Tampa, Fla., in finals of bantamweight boxing championship. Maj. Ed Flaherty, Catholic chaplain from Boston, referee.

The Fighting Leathernecks

Sgt. Major Anthony Livingston and Sgt. Michael Witowich, Outstanding Marine Fighters With Fists, Gloves or Tommy Guns

By S/SGT. ALLEN SOMMERS
(Marine Corps Combat Correspondent)

MARINE SGT. MAJ. ANTHONY W. LIVINGSTON, 31, one of the Marine Corps' most famous boxers, is grooming his trained fists for the Japs. The former light-heavyweight champion of the Orient and the Asiatic Fleet, and candidate for the 1936 Olympic boxing team, is in training with a field artillery unit preparing for combat.

The sergeant major, in perfect physical condition, is returning to his old Pacific hunting grounds to improve his fighting abilities in more ways than one. A resident of Lenoir, N. C., Livingston has three championship belts to his credit. He also cherishes a silver cup presented by Chinese General Chang Chen, commander of the 92nd Route Army, for conducting a boxing school for Chinese student officers in Peiping in 1934. The cup also was the subject of a report from the American Minister to the State Department in Washington.

Although the sergeant major, ranking non-commissioned officer in his unit, started boxing in 1929, he won his greatest honors while serving in the Orient as a Leatherneck. He is a fine shot, as well as a splendid boxer. He can fight with gloves, fists or gun. In Peiping, he engaged in 20 bouts during 1933 and 1934, three with the light-heavyweight champion of the Italian Navy. In 1935, he returned home and participated in some 31 service bouts without a loss. Two years later he lost to Georgie Abrams, number one contender for the world's middleweight championship.

The following year he was reassigned to the Pacific, this time to the Philippines, where he fought himself out of competition. Then he went to Shanghai, where he won the light-heavyweight title of the Orient. He remained undefeated until he retired from the ring on Armistice Day, 1939, after winning the light-heavyweight belt of the American Asiatic Fleet.

Livingston also has to his credit the Virginia State and Tide Water championship, which he won in 1932.

One of five brothers in active service, the sergeant major became a Marine, May 18, 1931. The brothers are: Marine Capt. William M. Livingston, Army First Lt. Glenn M. Livingston, Army Second Lt. Herbert P. Livingston and Army Second Lt. H. S. Livingston.

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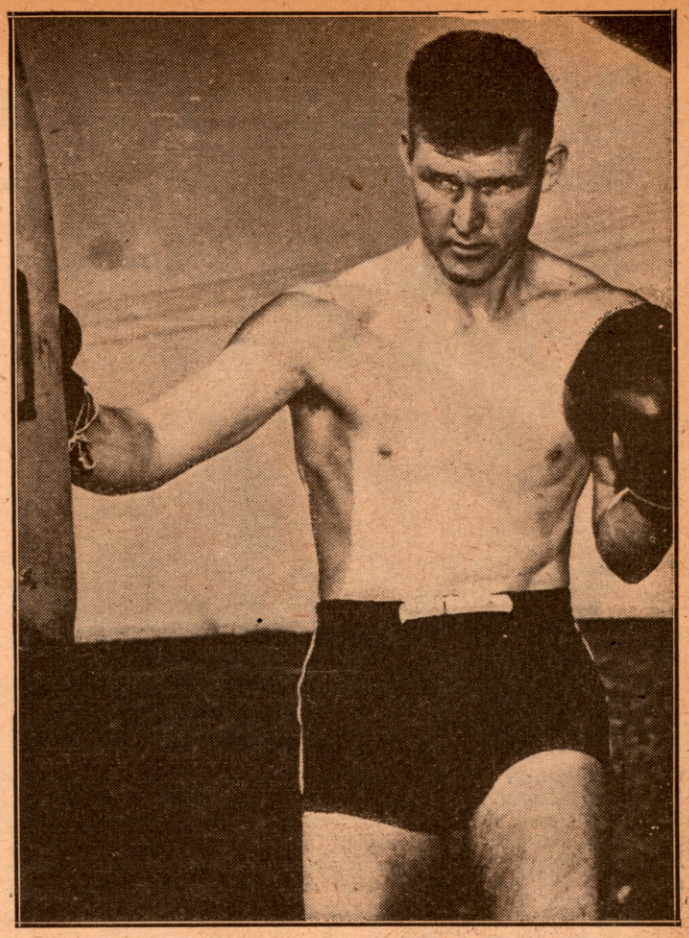
MARINE SGT. MICHAEL WITOWICH of the Mare Island Navy Yard is a one-man riot with fists or Tommygun—his former title as Southwest Pacific light-heavyweight boxing champion attests to the first claim while a small museum of Jap souvenirs, collected off the Japs he has slain at Tarawa and Tinian, vouches for the latter.

Sgt. Witowich, whose home is in Detroit, Mich., is stationed temporarily at Mare Island. He is a former Golden Gloves fighter who scored many victories as an amateur fighter before donning the Marine uniform to mix body and lethal blows to score some long count kayoes over Jap opponents.



Somewhere in the Pacific, Sgt. Maj. Anthony W. Livingston, 31, "an old China Hand," keeps in trim by polishing up on the punching bag as he prepares to return to his old hunting grounds in the Far East. Livingston, who was formerly the light-heavyweight champion of the Orient and the Asiatic Fleet, is a resident of Lenoir, N. C.

Witowich loves the fight game. Not less than two hours after getting squared away after his arrival here, the 172-pounder was down in the finely-equipped barracks gymnasium for what he termed a "short workout." This consisted of: 30 minutes of shadow boxing, 15 minutes of punching the light bag, some 20 minutes of skipping rope, and then the finale of this "abbreviated" sweat period was devoted to pounding the heavy punching bag.

This thud of fists against leather, heard throughout the Marine barracks, brought down some interested spectators. The barracks athletic officer, Capt. Y. A. Broussard, was one of the many present and he immediately signed Sgt. Witowich as a boxing instructor.

It will be six months or more before the Marine battler can return to the ring for scheduled bouts. He was wounded in the hand at Tarawa, then ran into Jap machine gun fire during the final Marine drive on Tinian, receiving deep wounds in the right side which very definitely will not allow clinch fighting.

He has received the Purple Heart and a Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart.

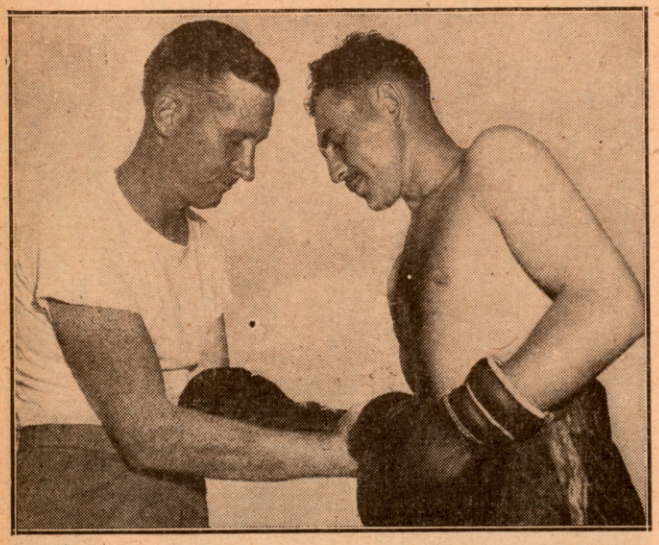
The sergeant is willing enough to pass on his fighting experience to the Mare Island Marines.

During instructions he tempers each pulled punch with such advice as: "Always keep in good physical condition. You'll need every ounce of strength and a clear mind when you jab for keeps with the Japs."

Boxing is on the upgrade nowadays at the Mare Island Marine base, thanks in part to Sgt. Witowich, who enlisted in the Marine Corps in October, 1941, at Detroit, and received his boot training at Parris Island.

Stories About Marines

Written for THE RING *by Combat Correspondent of the U.S.M.C.*



Marine Corporal Henry J. Leslie (wearing gloves), is getting some points on boxing from Lt. (j.g.) Joseph P. F. Gallagher. The boxing team of the Marine Unit to which Leslie is attached, is under the direction of the Naval Lieutenant who is the chaplain. Father Gallagher comes from Holy Cross. Leslie as an amateur won 73 bouts and lost four and won three professional bouts since turning pro.

ENJOYING a lull in fighting with Japs, Marines stationed in the Pacific are busily fighting one another and servicemen from other than Marine units that are nearby.

This fighting is being done with gloves and in accordance with the Marquis of Queensberry rules, and more than a little professional skill and a huge amount of plain American enthusiasm, is going into the project.

Take for instance the Marine unit where the boxing team of some 30 hopefuls is directed by U. S. Navy Lieutenant (j.g.) Joseph P. F. Gallagher, 33, Catholic chaplain, for a unit in the Pacific.

"I roomed with too many boxers," is the way Father Gallagher explains his interest in the Marine fighters. "But I'm no boxer. I was playing football and didn't have the time for any collegiate boxing—except, as I said, that which came from rooming with boxers."

Marine Corporal Henry J. Leslie, 22, who is acting as trainer for the group, on the other hand, has lots of experience.

"I've worked out," he says, "with practically every champion that has appeared in Chicago. That is, except Joe Louis. I never worked with him."

But the fighters he has worked with, as sparring partner and trainer, included the Baer brothers—Max and Buddy—Billy Conn and Tony Zale. As for his own record, Corporal Leslie, who fights at 175, reports 77 amateur fights, 73 of which he won. He has fought three pro bouts and won them all.

Each afternoon Father Gallagher and Corporal Leslie gather with their "stable" in a tropical glade and put them through their paces, warming them up, working them out on the light and heavy bags, and pairing them off.

The Naval officer, who lists Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx, New York City, as his official address, roomed with Joe Lillick, amateur and collegiate champion of New York, at Holy Cross, and with other collegiate boxers at other schools.

Father Gallagher came into the Navy and to duty with Marines, from Scarsdale, N. Y., parish. A substitute right half-back at Holy Cross from 1928 to 1931, he was offered a pro football berth when he graduated but elected to enter the seminary instead.

Corporal Leslie recently has decided to get into some of the fighting himself and now is working out daily under Father Gallagher's tutelage while he keeps his trainer's eye on members of the team.

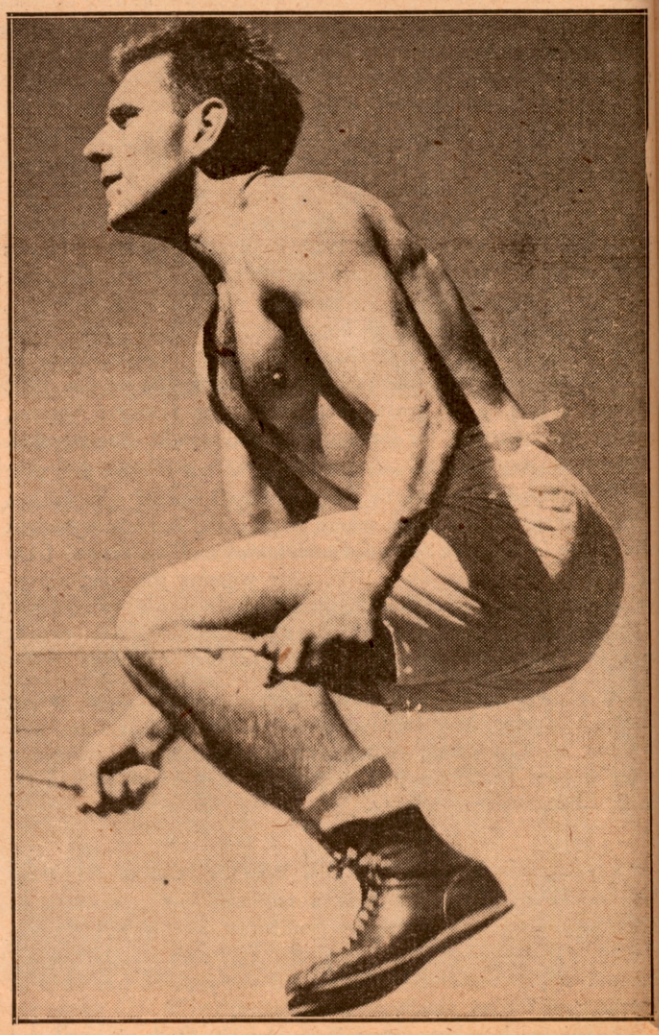
FREDDIE BAY, popular Pittsburgh welterweight, now sergeant of Marines somewhere at a Pacific base, is going through a stiff workout in preparation for a tussle with the Japs, in the picture below on this page. The 147-pounder had a record of 19 victories, one draw and one loss when he joined the Leathernecks in 1942. He was assigned to the Fighting Fourth Division and saw action in the Marshalls and on Saipan and Tinian.

On Saipan, Bay led a patrol over difficult terrain to knock out two Jap machine gun nests. Back at a rest base, he is now refereeing bouts for the Marines and lending a hand in training them. In Pittsburgh he used to work out in the gym with Billy Conn and Fritzie Zivic and was about ready for big time bouts when he enlisted. Bay hopes to return to the boxing profession after the war if it doesn't last too long.

Staff Sergeant Hy Hurwitz, of Boston, Mass., a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, formerly of the Boston *Globe*, sends in the following: A mythical South Pacific boxing team title is being claimed by sluggers of the famed Second Marine Division for they twice have defeated Army units out here.

Several months ago, these Tarawa conquerors pounded out a victory over the Seventh Army Air Force. On the latest go-round, they have tromped another Army unit five matches out of seven. The winners were:

Marine Private First Class *(Continued on page 42)*



Sgt. Freddie Bay, a 147-pounder with a fine fighting record.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

DUBUQUE, IA.—Earl Wampler, Scranton, Ia., retained his state heavyweight title in a feature bout which pitted him against Ken Fenelon in a no-time three-fall match before a large crowd of fans. Referee Pat O'Flaherty counted Fenelon out and awarded the third and deciding fall to Wampler. In the semi-final match, Jerry Meeker used a back slam and breaker to halt "Red" Ryan in the wildest of the preliminary bouts. Al Galento won the opening bout when he sidestepped a third kangaroo kick by Buddy Young.

Des Moines, Ia.—Del Cockayne, former Iowa Golden Gloves champion, is one of the nation's scoring leaders at Drake University, where he plays halfback. Cockayne is five feet, five inches tall and tips the beam at 144 pounds.

Ames, Ia.—Wrestling has been revived at Iowa State College since the return of Coach Hugo Otopalik, who served with the Red Cross overseas. Navy V-12 trainees, as well as civilians, have been urged to try out. An all-college tournament later will determine squad members. Men who can make the squad will then be transferred from physical education classes to daily wrestling workouts. Three men will be chosen from each weight: 121 pounds, 128 pounds, 136 pounds, 145 pounds, 155 pounds, 165 pounds, 175 pounds and heavyweight. Coach Otopalik hopes to bill a number of meets for his grapplers this winter.

Sioux City, Ia.—William J. Cullen, retired Sioux City police sergeant, and well known to boxers and managers as a great supporter of the boxing sport, died in an Iowa City, Ia., hospital after a long illness.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS—Tommy O'Loughlin, former Sioux City, Ia., boxing promoter and manager, is making plans to show his large stable of boxers throughout the Middle West after an extended trip to the West Coast . . . . O'Loughlin is manager of such highly rated fighters as Charley Burley, contender for the middleweight crown, and Elmer Ray, heavyweight contender . . . . Also under the O'Loughlin banner is Ace Miller, a comer in the lightweight ranks . . . . In one of his most recent bouts, Elmer Ray stopped Claudio Villar of Washington, D. C., in 35 seconds of the first round at Chicago on a boxing card that featured Joe Louis . . . . Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia., and we would like to hear from all Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota boxers and managers who are in the service . . . . We are making every effort to compile a list of former boxers and others hailing from the above states who have been killed or injured in the service of their country . . . . A very interesting letter was received from John R. Latendresse, who is in the veterans' hospital at Hot Springs, S. D. . . . . Latendresse fought under the name of "Popeye" in South Dakota and throughout Iowa before entering the service . . . . He would like to hear from his former pals and mail will reach him at the above address, c/o Ward 18.

A boxing card was staged at Omaha, Neb., during the past month . . . . Connie Curry, former Sioux City star bantamweight, has returned from the West Coast . . . . Will see you next month, and remember to have your news for this spot in my hands by the fifth of each month . . . . In the meantime, keep buying more and more war bonds and stamps.

SOUTHERN BOXING FLASHES

By CLYDE SMITH

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Fifty-six amateur battlers blasted open a new boxing season, and the 3000 fans who trooped to Municipal Auditorium saw every kind of scrapping in the book. Here are summaries of the third annual Golden Gloves:

Lindy Burgess, 101, Riverside Indian School, decisioned Junior Strome, 101, Eufaula Boxing Club. Washie Lewis, 105, Eufaula, decisioned David Goingkun, 105, Riverside. Amos Aitson, 122, Riverside, decisioned John Harjo, 120, Eufaula. Bill Rus, 156, Purcell Navy, decisioned Walter Kerchee, 152, Fort Sill Indian School.

Howard White, 114, Oklahoma City Boxing Club, K.O.'ed Carl Sands, 111, Fort Sill (1). Buddy Yackeschi, 111, Fort Sill, decisioned J. M. Bailey, 112, Eufaula. Bill McIntyre, 170, Navy Skyjackets, decisioned Ted Acton, 171, Oklahoma City. Donald McCormick, 146, Altus Army Air Field, decisioned Richard Wiles, 147, Oklahoma City. Robert Harmon, 112, Purcell, won a T.K.O. over Doty Lumpmouth, 108, Concho Indian School (1).

Gene Land, 118, Oklahoma City, won a T.K.O. over James Pierce, 118, Eufaula (2). Warren Gose, 136, Oklahoma City, K.O.'ed Delos Orange, 137, Concho (2). Mike Pylat, 136, Navy Zoomers, decisioned Emerson Eckwardy, 131, Fort Sill. Sam Pebworth, 144, Bacone Indian College, decisioned Kenneth Keel, 143, Norman Boxing Club. Bud Hotchkiss, 149, Altus, won a T.K.O. over Victor Sage, 151, Concho (2).

Raymond Beaver, 110, Eufaula, decisioned Bob Gooday, 112, Fort Sill. Sam Pewo, 124, Fort Sill, decisioned LeRoy Paddlety, 127, Bacone. Kenneth Wiles, 115, Oklahoma City, decisioned Charley Pebeahsy, 115, Fort Sill. Ernie Tolman, 193, Navy Zoomers, decisioned Mike McCloskey, 215, Oklahoma City. Winford Lane, 119, Norman, decisioned Frank Kelly, 117, Navy Gunners. Jimmie Priest, 143, Oklahoma City, decisioned Adolph Bates, 140, Altus.

Rutherford Loneman, 130, Concho, decisioned Herschel Acton, 129, Oklahoma City. Virgil Franklin, 129, Riverside, decisioned Eugene White, 133, Navy Zoomers. Joe Pruitt, 129, Navy Gunners, decisioned Jackson Hummingbird, 133, Riverside. Rudy Payasappe, 134, Riverside, decisioned Carney Pewewardy, 133, Fort Sill Indians. Joe Moore, 137, Navy Gunners, decisioned Ben Harjo, 132, Eufaula. Robert Whitman, 156, Navy Gunners, decisioned Leonard Sharn, 160, Navy Skyjackets. Orlan Putnam, 152, Navy Zoomers, T.K.O.'ed Herman Snowder, 149, Cameron (2). Gilbert Howell, 140, Oklahoma City, decisioned George White, 146, Navy Gunners.

Oklahoma City—Roland Meeker, Norman sailor, knocked out Roughhouse Jack McDonald in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round boxing bout which featured Promoter Sam Avey's wrestling program.

McDonald won the first two rounds, but the sailor's better condition told and he won the third before scoring the kayo in the fourth.

The Cloud, masked grappler, and Gene Blakely beat Speedy Larance and Don Sierro in a tag team.

Red Lyons and Les Wolfe wrestled 45 minutes to a draw.

Dots and Dashes: "Arkansas"—Received word from Cpl. Cecil M. Sutton, former Tiger and Boys' Club boxing coach, now in India. . . . Marine boxing show in the Marianas saw Pvt. Carthol Hyde of Blytheville take the 160-pound feature and Cpl. Faye O'Dell of Springdale lose on points in the 150-pound bracket. . . . Little Rock may see some pro boxing soon. . . . "Oklahoma"—Jerry Smith, the Oklahoma City Boxing Club's light-heavyweight champ, will do his scrapping now for the Navy. . . . Likewise Paul Keotah and Horace Tahbone, Indian scrappers.

Would like more news from Oklahoma, Arkansas and nearby states. Pro and amateur boxers, send me some news, also boxing fans. . . . Would also like to hear from some managers of good boys, that would like to come down this way. Yours Truly will open up a new boxing club. My address is 1003 E. Magrill Street, Longview, Texas.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By BILLY SHAW

HUGO BONACCI, Syracuse's former Golden Gloves welterweight champion, home on a furlough, sang the praises of Ralph DeJohn, home-town light-heavyweight, whom Hugo claims "is the best fighter in the South Pacific right now." Hugo was so strong in his devotion to a fellow-townsman, he neglected to blow his own horn. For Hugo is as sweet a looking fighter as we have seen in a long time. After the war, Hugo is going far in boxing, because Bonacci has developed into a vicious puncher, and has learned a lot about the manly art in his two years as a Coast Guard petty officer. Yes, Hugo attended Jack Dempsey's "Hour of Charm" sessions, which are well known to the Coast Guardsmen stationed in this country.

But actual experience, gained in entertaining his comrades in the South Pacific Islands, developed Hugo into a first-rate fighting man. He scales close to the light-heavyweight bracket now, is powerfully built, full of pep and in a local gym drill amazed the fans and sportswriters alike with his speed, skill and punch. Jot down the name in your little red book.

Pfc. Corn Lubo, son of the famous Indian football star, "Lubo the Wolf," recently hit the warpath and personally accounted for 17 dead Jap officers. Lubo, former Syracuse middleweight boxer, is the son of Tony Lubo, who was an All-American end on the Carlisle Indian football team with Jim Thorpe. Already known as the "One Man Patrol," because of his previous exploits of disappearing into the woods alone and picking off Japanese, Lubo increased his fame when his aviation engineering detachment was attacked somewhere on Leyte. A group of Jap soldiers attempted to destroy engineering equipment near a bridge at Palo. After a 90-minute battle 35 Nips lay dead on the bridge. Lubo was credited by comrades with killing 17! Lubo won the Purple Heart at Hollandia and has been recommended for a medal for his most recent heroism.

With Binghamton, Utica and Syracuse fight clubs dark the past month, the only upstate fistic action was at Albany, where Petey Virgin, crack Schenectady featherweight, scored his 35th victory by technically knocking out Bobby Lewis, Buffalo boxer, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten-rounder. Vic Belanger, Utica welter, kayoed Joe Robinson, Garfield, N. J., in the first round of the scheduled eight-round semi. Other bouts: Sammy Mammone, Stamford, Conn., lightweight, kayoed Pete Cappy, Kingston, in four; Alfie Harrig, Syracuse welter, knocked out Frankie Pelliteri, Bronx, in four, while Tony Forezzi, Albany feather, stopped Al Hoch, Brooklyn, by a T.K.O., in two.

LEFT-HOOKS—Dr. Harry L. Gilmore, Syracuse's fight club physician, takes office as county coroner, following his election. . . . Doc Gilmore is very popular with boxers who have shown here because of his remarkable ability to take care of their wounds, seldom leaving a scar. . . . Paul Swiderski rushed into the Onondaga Sports, Inc., office all out of breath. . . . Paul claims Syracuse will "have winter boxing soon." . . . Good news. . . . Let's hope Paul lands the spot he is after. . . . The Armory! . . . Refusing to elaborate on his excitement, "Ooom Paul" indicated "it won't be long now" . . . C. M. Schindler, owner of the Chiefs of the International Baseball League, has sold his interests to others. . . . Schindler is also head of the fight club and will now have to pay rent to promote in the summer at MacArthur Stadium. . . . Henny Andrews has been seriously ill. . . . Gabe Genovese had to change the name of his grill from the Red Devil to the Red Lobster, to appease the liquor board, who didn't like the "Devil," on Gabe's big electric sign. . . . Gabe is doing a land office business.

Syracuse's only and busiest boxing manager, Irving Robbins, is on the go day and night with his big stable of leather-pushers. . . . Irv goes on the average of five nights a week with three to four boys on a card in various cities and it is seldom Robbins' boys drop a duke. . . . They are among the best conditioned scrappers in the game today. . . . Joey Kushner has become a cigar smoker, despite the current shortage of the weed and looks smaller than ever, with a big stogie between his lips. . . , Kushner's kayo record still amazes sportswriters and fight fans. . . . His power, despite his 126 pounds, is nothing short of sensational and he steals the show wherever he appears. . . . Billy Pierce, former middleweight boxing star, ex-Manlius cadet, and newspaperman, is now sports editor of the Endicott, N. Y., paper . . . Lt. Lawrence J. Skiddy, Jr., son of the sports editor of the Syracuse *Herald-Journal*, is reported lost in action overseas. . . . The handsome young officer may have been taken prisoner by the Germans.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOXING AND WRESTLING NOTES

By HENRY JOLLY

LARRY VILLENUEVE, 145 pounds, the promising boxer from Berlin, N. H., continues on his winning way and still remains undefeated. On November 17 at Augusta, Me., he stopped Jack Desautels of Rochester, N. H., in the third round and on November 22 at Portland, Me., he defeated Jack Halligan, 143 pounds, of Worcester, Mass., in eight rounds. To old-timers this boy brings back memories of such stars as Johnny Harko, Pete McDonough and Joe Morgan.

Nick Norris, Nashua, N. H., promoter, opened up November 16 with a bang-up show and a good crowd. The preliminaries were fast and furious. Tuffy Girard did the Iron Man stunt, scoring two knockouts in one night. He stopped Mike Sad in the second round and Jimmy Cook in the first round. Joe Miller of Nashua stopped Ernie Nadeau of Suncook in the first round. Armand Kernoyer of Derry, N. H., stopped Young Plourde of Suncook, N. H., in two rounds. In the final event of ten rounds between Lefty LaChance of Lisbon, Me., and the Blond Tiger, of Lowell, Mass., Lefty floored the Blond Tiger in the fourth round, but he could not keep him there. It was a very good bout all the way.

In his second card, on November 23, Nick Norris could only show ten rounds of action out of five bouts. Charles Poulis, Lowell, Mass., stopped Tony West, Boston, Mass., in two rounds. Kid Miller, Nashua, N. H., stopped Don Roy, Manchester, N. H., in two rounds. Young Sherlock, Wilton, N. H., beat Kid Miller, Nashua, N. H., in three rounds. Maurice Cloutier, Manchester, N. H., stopped Billy Chaput, Worcester, Mass., in the first round.

Wrestling news for the past few weeks follows:

In the November 17 show, Alex Pappas, Arlington, Mass., and Al Cardie of Gardner, Mass., drew in 30 minutes. Johnny Koskie, Troy, N. H., beat Frank Eident, Worcester, Mass., in 23 minutes. In the final event, a battle royal, Frank Eident, Worcester, Mass., topped all the boys and won in 15 minutes.

Manchester, N. H., had two wrestling shows in November, both held at the Cocoanut Grove. November 14, Bob Russell beat Fred Meyers in two out of three falls. Ray Bell beat George Linehan, taking second and last falls. Les Ruffin beat Ted Germaine in a one-fall match in 16 minutes.

On November 21, Les Ryan and John Murphy wrestled in a 30-minute draw. George Linehan beat Marvin Jones in two straight falls. In the final event, Yvon Robert, the tops in wrestling, beat Manuel Cortez in two out of three falls in a very good match.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

WORLD'S Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis opposed Dan Merritt of Cleveland, Ohio, in an exhibition of three rounds at the Chicago Stadium, presented by Irv. Schoenwald and Jack Begun in conjunction with the Chicago Stadium Corporation.

Louis, looking the picture of health but not from the standpoint of a finely trained athlete, pummeled Big Dan, who weighed 209 pounds, to the canvas four times. Merritt just managed to last out the required three rounds.

The champion's exhibition was supported by a cluster of six eight-round encounters topped by the George "Sugar" Costner versus Sgt. Lou Woods affair.

For two rounds the Sarge, from Fort Sheridan, boxed cautiously and with unerring accuracy. Commencing the third round, Costner found the range. "Sugar" planted a rapid-fire right to Woods' jaw. Down went the soldier, who started to take a count, partially arose at the count of five, changed his mind and decided to take advantage of the full count. This procedure was nullified by Referee Leo Ranieri, who ruled that under Illinois' boxing rules Woods had disqualified himself. Woods weighed 155 pounds, to Costner's 148.

O'Neil Bell, newcomer from Detroit, weighing 151, won a sizzling contest from Charley Parham, Negro, from Milwaukee. Bell crashed a right to Parham's temple, sending Charley to the canvas for a nine-count and Parham came back shortly afterwards and hoisted O'Neil off his feet with a mighty left hook for a three-count. Then the Detroiter shot over a whistling right that dropped the Milwaukeean with a thud. The bell rang just after the "Brewery City" gamester arose, saving him from a needless battering.

They split the following two rounds, with Bell scoring with straight rights and two dangerous left-hooks to the mid-riff. Parham came back in the third canto and roughed O'Neil up considerably.

Round four was a typical Pier 8 brawl. The "Motor City" clouter, Bell, tagged Charley with another straight right, spilling the Milwaukeean through the ropes and into the press row. Parham just managed to escape the ten toll.

In round five Parham hurt Bell again, who in his attempt to thwart further punishment, changed to a southpaw stance. The sixth found the Wisconson Negro winning through his heavier punching, but in round seven Bell belted Charley to the resin for a one-count.

The final chapter saw a toe-to-toe slugfest. O'Neil put Parham down twice for two- and four-counts, respectively. Both boys bled freely.

In another hair-raising battle, Robert Earl, Chicago 140-pounder, won over Ace Miller, Los Angeles, Cal., 138-pounder.

Collins Brown, former C.Y.O. amateur champion, as well as Golden Gloves middleweight champ, proved his mettle against the terrific onslaught dealt out by Lou Angelucci. Brown was knocked down in the first twice, via an overhand right, the second time by a short head blow, then came back in the fourth heat and caught up with the lean Angelucci. Brown nailed the six-foot Lou with a corking right to the jaw, sprawling the Italian on the canvas.

The fifth and what proved to be the climax, found Collins ripping into Lou, whom he floored three times, then a fourth for keeps. Time, 2:40.

In a heavyweight shindig, Elmer Ray, husky Los Angeles Negro 195-pounder, kayoed Claudio Villar with a vicious left-hook in the brief time of 35 seconds of round one. Villar tipped the beam at 198 pounds.

In the opening eight-round conflict, Johnny Bratton, South Side Negro lightweight, made it two-out-of-three, over Gene Spencer, South Chicago 133-pounder. The gross gate totaled $30,162, with approximately 8500 fans in attendance.

The showing at a downtown theatre of "Kings of the Ring," screened by Nat Fleischer, RING Editor, who with Bill Stern does the narrating, met with popular approval here.

Willie Joyce, Gary lightweight, who fought the majority of his fights in the Windy City, and who now resides in Los Angeles, Cal., astonished the ring experts in Philadelphia by taking down the ten-round verdict over Ike Williams, leading 135-pound contender.

Charley Crump, who was developed by Larry Amadee while an amateur, was defeated by Jimby Allen in a six-round pro tiff at Baltimore, Md. Crump is a heavyweight.

Bill Parsons, lithe swinging Danville welterweight, opposed for a second time Bobby Richardson of Cleveland, and avenged a previous loss in eight rounds by taking down the ten-round laurels.

The semi-windup found Ace Miller, Los Angeles Negro, winner over the rugged Robert Fowler in six. Miller weighed 139 pounds to Fowler's 145.

Dave Mason, Cleveland, 188½-pounder, made short work of John Hubbard, Milwaukee 180-pounder, scoring a one-round kayo.

Tommy Graham, Wichita, Kan., 130-pounder, and Don O'Connor, 129 pounds, of Chicago, battled four rounds to a draw.

Al Salos, 134½, from Fort Sheridan, won a spirited contest from Walter Halba of Milwaukee.

In the opening contest Roland Hopp, Indianapolis 165-pounder, won a savage brawl from Jimmy Bishop, 162 pounds.

The fans are clamoring for competent ring arbiters. Referee Tommy Thomas and Davey Miller are Chicago's stellar third men.

Johnny Coulon, one-time bantamweight champion, is acclaimed one of the Middlewest's most adept teachers of the science of boxing.

James Williams, 217 pounds, of Chicago, gained the nod over Dan Merritt of Cleveland, who weighed 209 pounds, in eight rounds. In the final round Williams drove over a lusty right that felled Merritt twice for counts of nine and eight, respectively.

In a co-featured eight-rounder, Ted Christie, New York, featherweight, stopped the courageous Indian, Chief Red Cloud of Detroit, Mich., in the fourth round. A terrific nosebleed caused the referee to halt the bout.

Benton Cobbins, Cincinnati stablemate of George "Sugar" Costner, 140 pounds, beat Walter Halba of Milwaukee in six rounds.

In another six-rounder, Robert Fowler, South Side Negro welter, gave a good account of himself in whipping Jimmy Sherron of Indianapolis, Ind.

And in the opener blubbery John Copeland, Detroit 268-pounder, lost to Al Sheridan, 181½, from Indianapolis, in four.

Bill Parsons scored another victory, this time at the expense of Jimmy Hunt, in four. Hunt has been losing quite frequently of late. They are welterweights. Parsons weighed 145½ pounds, Hunt, 150.

In a rematch at six rounds, Roland Hopp, Indian, from Indianapolis, won again from Jimmy Bishop.

A timely left-hook by Claude Ellison, Des Moines, Ia., 185½-pounder, stopped Walter Radcliffe, Indianapolis heavyweight, also 185, in 59 seconds of the third round.

Mike Sopko, Harry Green's Indiana Harbor 159-pounder, lambasted Joe Harris freely to gain a four-round T.K.O. over the Cincinnatian.

And Tommy Graham, Wichita, Kan., lightweight, took the opening four from veteran Sammy Scully, Chicago 135-pounder, in a fast fight.

I'd like at this time to extend my wishes to my pal, Eddie Rochman, who is somewhere in the Pacific, and to you, Nat Fleischer. Your work and contributions to the boys in service means so much, God bless you.

Gene Engel can be reached at his residence, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Ill. Happy New Year—Victory!

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By JUANITA YEARGAIN

KANSAS CITY'S well-trained amateur boxing team lined up against a contingent of capable Ft. Leavenworth opponents at Municipal Auditorium, November 7, with the following results:

126-pound class—Jackie Darthard, Gateway, won from Pvt. Thomas Dillworth, Ft. Leavenworth, kayo, 1:14, round one.

160-pound class—Hubert Whitney, Garrison, outpointed Raymond Young, Garrison (club title).

112-pound class—Charley Franks, Northeast, outpointed James Hill, Gateway.

126-pound class—Floyd Perry, Gateway, outpointed Paul Martinez, Gateway.

112-pound class—Frank Rivera, West Side, outpointed Ray Lee, Northeast (title).

160-pound class—Joe Forman, Gateway, won from Tanner Carson, Ft. Leavenworth, by T.K.O., in 1:37, round one.

147-pound class—Vert Gibson, Gateway, won from Pvt. Walter Wooster, Ft. Leavenworth, by a T.K.O. in 29 seconds of round one.

75-pound class—Dean Ide, Northeast, outpointed Tano Avalia, West Side.

85-pound class—Elmer Blair, Garrison, outpointed Clifford Maddox, Gateway A. C.

95-pound class—Luther Quigley, Northeast, outpointed Bill Teagarden, West Side (title).

80-pound class—Don Rand, Gateway, outpointed Ray Stevenson, Garrison.

126-pound class—Charles Diaz, West Side, outpointed Allen Murie, Northeast.

Winning the last five bouts in succession, the Kansas City team showed superiority over a St. Louis squad before approximately 3500 fistic fans, November 13, at Municipal Auditorium. The results were:

112-pound class—Harold McConey, St. Louis, outpointed Frank Rivera, West Side.

118-pound class—Alvin Freeman, St. Louis, outpointed Edmond Carr, Gateway.

160-pound class—Joe Forman, Gateway, outpointed Willie Jackson, St. Louis.

160-pound class—Joe Haskin, Gateway, outpointed Alonzo Kerr, St. Louis.

147-pound class—Vert Gibson, Gateway, outpointed Bob Mohler, St. Louis.

135-pound class—Joe Rima, North Side, won from Ignatius Page, St. Louis, by kayo in 1:56 of second round.

126-pound class—Jackie Darthard, Gateway, outpointed Eldon Chadek, St. Louis.

November 22, the margin of a team victory for Kansas City boxers over Haskell Institute of Lawrence, was put up to Jackie Darthard, Gateway featherweight, in the final bout of an interesting card at Municipal Auditorium. Darthard, refusing to let his teammates down, scored a clean-cut triumph over Pat Sands for a five to four margin over the Indian nine-man squad. The teams were deadlocked at four-all when Darthard and Sands stepped into the ring. The results:

112-pound class—Lunford Curtis, Haskell, outpointed Charley Franks, Kansas City.

118-pound class—Howard Jackson, Kansas City, won from William Monbie, Haskell, by technical knockout in 1:13 of second round.

112-pound class—Fernando Rivera, Kansas City, outpointed Franklin Botone, Haskell.

135-pound class—Paul Jacobs, Kansas City, outpointed Bennie Barnes, Haskell.

160-pound class—Burton Warrington, Haskell, outpointed Joe Haskin, Kansas City.

118-pound class—Ray Atwood, Haskell, outpointed Edmond Carr, Kansas City.

147-pound class—C. B. Sumner, Haskell, outpointed Steve Lipari, Kansas City.

135-pound class—Joe Rima, Kansas City, outpointed Wallace Bemore, Haskell.

126-pound class—Jackie Darthard, Kansas City, outpointed Pat Sands, Haskell.

Coast Guardsman Wilbur Whitebeaver, seaman first class, is one of the outstanding members of a team which has gone undefeated in almost two years of overseas competition in bouts with such teams as American Marines and the New Zealanders. Midwesterners remember Whitebeaver when he attended the Haskell Institute at Lawrence, where he compiled an outstanding record, fighting in Topeka and Kansas City. The fighting Indian boxer is a middleweight and he has never been defeated in 18 months aboard ship and in foreign countries. The Brave is a veteran of such battles as the initial assault on Bougainville, and many other invasions in the Pacific against the Japs.

Sgt. Oral Eubanks, 38, Kansas amateur boxing champion in 1939, was killed in action in Germany on November 6, his brother Eli Eubanks, has been informed by the War Department. Sgt. Eubanks was well known in Wichita sports circles as a boxer and wrestler during his college days at the University of Oklahoma.

Staff Sgt. Edward Bailey, infantryman, has been reported missing in action since October 26, in France, following one year in service. He was a well-known boxer, having fought twice in the Golden Gloves tournaments in Kansas City and won two district featherweight titles in district tournaments at Joplin, Mo.

Boxing instruction and training will be offered boys of Kansas City's Southwest district, starting this month at the Southwest High School gymnasium. Charley Meyers, American Youth Club boxing supervisor, will be in charge.

Ernest Fishburn, former Topeka Golden Gloves boxer, is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Cpl. Joe Briscoe, Fort Riley, won the welterweight boxing championship of that camp.

Cpl. Briscoe hails from Wilmington, Del., and has never been defeated at Fort Riley, during the past two years. His brother, Pvt. "Syl" Briscoe, formerly at Fort Riley, and Golden Gloves titleholder, is now stationed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Pfc. Mateo (Babe) Dominguez, "somewhere in Italy," has entered the Tyrrhenian sector bouts in Italy. Babe, a middleweight, formerly fought in Topeka Golden Gloves.

Carlos Rodriguez, Sp. (A) 3/c, is stationed at Treasure Island, where he teaches combatives. Rodriguez, before entering the service was a popular wrestler in this section.

T/Sgt. Harry Cohen, well-known Kansas City grappler, is the new physical instructor at Topeka Army Air Field.

Nearest of kin of Sgt. Nelson E. Collins, U. S. paratrooper and former Topeka wrestler, have received the Purple Heart, awarded to the young Kansan for outstanding bravery in action, during recent combat engagements in the European theatre of war. The popular Topekan, for a time confined to a hospital in England with injuries, is reported to have resumed activity with his "outfit."

Wichita's boxing public got a good look at the lethal power contained in the gloved fists of "Two-Ton" Tony Galento when he stopped wrestler Jack Suzek of Chicago in 39 seconds of the third round of their scheduled 10-round bout at the Forum before a crowd of more than 4000 fans.

Wrestlers currently popular in the Midwest are: Orville Brown, M.W.A. heavyweight champion; Edward Virag, N.W.A. champion, now in the U. S. Signal Corps, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Babe Zaharias, Fritz Schnabel, Jim Lankas, Fred Devine, Lee Wyckoff, Stanley Hackney, Jack Suzek, Lord Albert Mills, Jack Hader, Ed Lewis, the Great Moctezuma, Al Davis, Jack Moore, The Angel and Dave Levin.

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WOLGAST-NELSON 40-ROUND CLASSIC

Dane Still on His Feet, But Thoroughly Whipped, When Referee Halted Slaughter on February 22, 1910

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

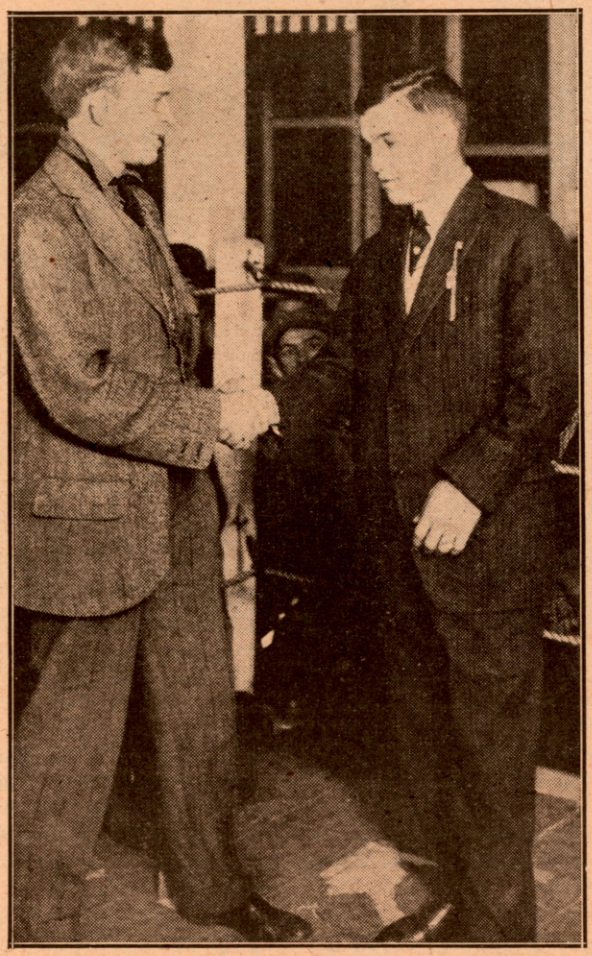
OF all the classics of world championship lightweight struggles since Abe Hicken's reign in that class in this country from 1868 to 1872, none has been more thrilling, more bruising than the 40-round battle in which Ad Wolgast took the title from Battling Nelson at Port Richmond, Cal., on February 22, 1910.

There was the drama of the ring saga in the 74-round draw between Jack McAuliffe, of the United States, and Jem Carney, of England, on November 16, 1887.

There was the grand theatre of the unflinching struggle in the contest which saw Nelson become the champion by stopping Joe Gans in the seventeenth round at San Francisco on July 4, 1908.

No fight between heroes of the lighter divisions ever had crammed more excitement into one hot afternoon than had the 42-rounder in which Nelson lost on a foul to the champion Gans at Goldfield, Nev., on September 3, 1906.

But into that tussle on Washington's Birthday in 1910 that gruelling fight between Wolgast and Nelson that saw nearly one and a third hours of action—was crowded every element of spectacular interest.



Battling Nelson (left) shaking hands with his conqueror, Ad Wolgast, a few days after their great 40-round battle.

As the Battler and Ad fought each other all over that California ring, they ran the entire gamut of fistic drama. Never a letup for an hour, never a dull minute. With Nelson exhausted, blinded, helpless, with the Battler standing in the center of the ring unable to lift his arms, and yet pleading to go on, Referee Ed Smith stopped the uneven combat in the fortieth round.

So close had Nelson come to triumph in the twenty-second round! So heart-breakingly close! With a stinging right cross to the jaw he had staggered Ad. And soon, with another right to the jaw, he dropped Wolgast, who disdained a nine count and hopped up at three.

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"WOLGAST is finished!" the experts said to each other. "That Durable Dane is too tough for them."

But Wolgast wasn't finished. In the twenty-third round he recovered, and then came a cruel, devastating process. Wolgast wore his man down.

In the last 12 rounds, Wolgast dished it out, and Nelson kept taking it. Punch after punch—to the body, to the head. The Dane would not give in. He was the champion, right to the finish.

In the thirty-eighth round, with the Battler absolutely and irrevocably licked, there was a strange scene in his corner.

Jack Robinson, Nelson's manager, grabbed a sponge and was about to throw it into the center of the ring—in surrender.

Abdul the Turk, Nelson's second, grabbed the sponge and threw it into the bucket. Robinson cried. He could not bear to see his charge cut to ribbons.

The fighters battled through the thirty-eighth, through the thirty-ninth. Nelson was sinking. But he was not going down. After the thirty-ninth, Robinson again tried to grab the sponge, and again the Turk refused. The manager appealed to the referee, who asked Nelson if he wanted to retire.

Nelson could not reply. He merely shook his head in negation.

Darkness was coming on. The gong sounded for the fortieth round, and out dashed Wolgast to pick up where he had left off. Smith saw that the Battler was not only whipped, but might suffer serious harm, and after only 30 seconds of the fortieth round, stopped the fight, and held Wolgast's arm aloft—Ad Wolgast, of Cadillac, Mich., the new lightweight champion of the world, by a knockout.

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THIS was not the first meeting between Nelson and Wolgast. They had fought 10 rounds, without decision, at Los Angeles on July 13, 1909. The Battler was at his peak. He had gained the title on July 4, the previous year, from the wasted Gans, and in September of 1908, had stopped the Negro in the twenty-first round at Colma.

In May, 1909, Nelson stopped Fighting Dick Hyland in the twenty-third, and Jack Clifford in the fifth. Then came the contest with Wolgast in Los Angeles.

Wolgast left the ring with a demand for a title fight over the long route.

"If ever there was a man I could whip, Nelson is the one," Wolgast insisted. "I know exactly how it can be done. Get me this fight as soon as possible," he told Tom Jones.

He got it soon enough, and he kept his word. Ad knew just how to beat the Battler. He not only gave Nelson terrific punishment, but he outboxed him, outsmarted him, outguessed him.

Before going into the detailed story of the 40 rounds at Port Richmond, let us sketch in the background.

Battling Nelson was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on June 5, 1882. He came to this country as a child, and developed in a tough school, around Hegewisch, Indiana, on the outskirts of Chicago. The Durable Dane, as he came to be called, started his professional career on September 3, 1896, with a one-round knockout of Wallace's Kid, at Hammond, Ind.

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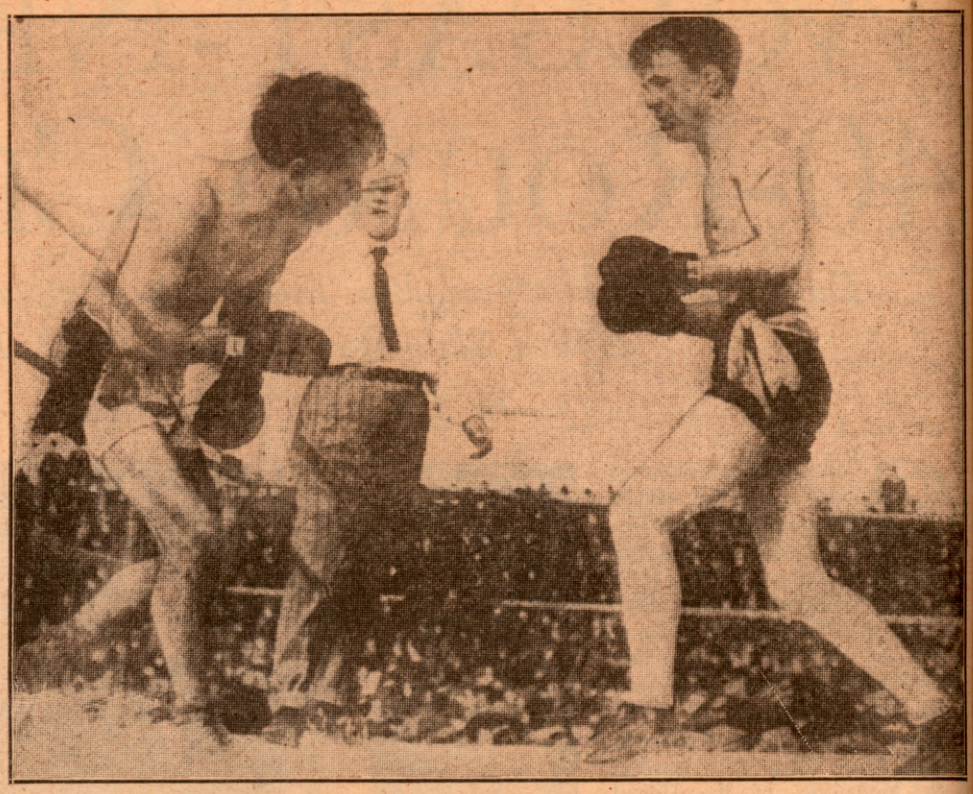
THUS, when Nelson acquired the lightweight title from Gans, in 1908, the Dane had been fighting for 13 years, and was 26 years of age.

Adolph Wolgast was born February 8, 1888, at Cadillac, Mich., of German parents. Nelson had been in the ring for 10 years before Wolgast made his professional debut, beating one Kid Moore in six rounds in 1906.

Thus, when Wolgast achieved the championship, he was exactly Nelson's age—26. But Ad was ten years younger and fresher as a fighter, and it was this tremendously vital circumstance which stood out so emphatically as Nelson was worn down by Ad's relentless offensive.



A scene in the thrilling twenty-second round taken a few seconds after Wolgast got off the floor after he had been dropped with a right to the jaw. He was groggy as the picture shows.

On his way to the title fight with Nelson in 1910, Wolgast did not have too brilliant a record. In any event, it was nothing like Nelson's. Ad had engaged in a lot of short-duration, no-decision bouts.

Whereas Nelson, on his way to the championship, had gone 23 rounds with Hyland, 42 with Gans, 20 with Aurelio Herrera, 19 with Eddie Hanlon, 18 with Martin Canole, 20 with Adam Ryan, 17 with Christy Williams, 15 with Mickey Riley, 15 more with Clarence English, and 18 with Jimmy Britt, Wolgast's history before his battle with Nelson at Port Richmond showed only one fight for as many as 20 heats. That was with Lew Powell, at San Francisco on November 29, 1909.

Of course, the fact that Wolgast did not have to go distances was not exactly against him. But Nelson was the Durable Dane, the man with the more picturesque story.

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THE Battler passed on to Wolgast a championship which he had taken from Gans, who in turn had won it from Frank Erne in one round in 1902. Erne had gained it from Kid Lavigne, who had brought the world's lightweight championship to the United States by knocking out Dick Burge, the English title holder, in the seventeenth round in London on June 1, 1896. Lavigne had become the recognized champion after the retirement, undefeated, of Jack McAuliffe, who had succeeded Nonpareil Jack Dempsey when that great fighter became too heavy for the 133-pound class.

Dempsey succeeded Arthur Chambers, who retired in 1879. Chambers had become the champion by eliminating Johnny Clark and Billy Edwards. Arthur quit boxing in 1872.

As you know, Wolgast did not hold the lightweight championship very long. On November 28, 1912, at Daly City, Cal., Ad lost on a foul to Willie Ritchie, in the sixteenth round.

Ritchie dropped the title to Freddy Welsh in 20 rounds, on points, in London in 1914. Benny Leonard, perhaps the greatest of all the lightweight kings, wrested the laurels from Welsh with a ninth round knockout in 1917. Benny retired unbeaten in 1925, and Jimmy Goodrich emerged as the winner of an elimination series to determine the new champion.

Goodrich stopped Stanislaus Loyaza, Rocky Kansas outpointed Goodrich, Sammy Mandell outpointed Kansas, and Al Singer knocked out Mandell in one round in New York on July 17, 1930.

Then Tony Canzoneri stopped Singer, also in one round. Barney Ross outpointed Tony, but when Barney went into the welters in 1935, Canzoneri outpointed Lou Ambers. The Herkimer Hurricane took the title by outpointing Canzoneri in 15 heats, and then Henry Armstrong outpointed Ambers.

Two years later, Lew Jenkins knocked out Ambers in three rounds. Since then we have run into a lot of muddles involving Sammy Angott, who quit and then came back, and Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery. There is one champion in one state and another title holder in another, and what with one thing and another, the crown for which Nelson and Wolgast fought at Port Richmond, Cal., on February 22, 1910, has become somewhat tarnished, almost bedraggled.

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THE ease with which Wolgast wore down Nelson after the Dane's near triumph in the twenty-second round astonished everybody. Everybody but Wolgast. Poor Ad! He won that day, but the punches he stopped for 22 rounds did him no good. Those punches and many others addled his brain, and sent him to a sanitarium.

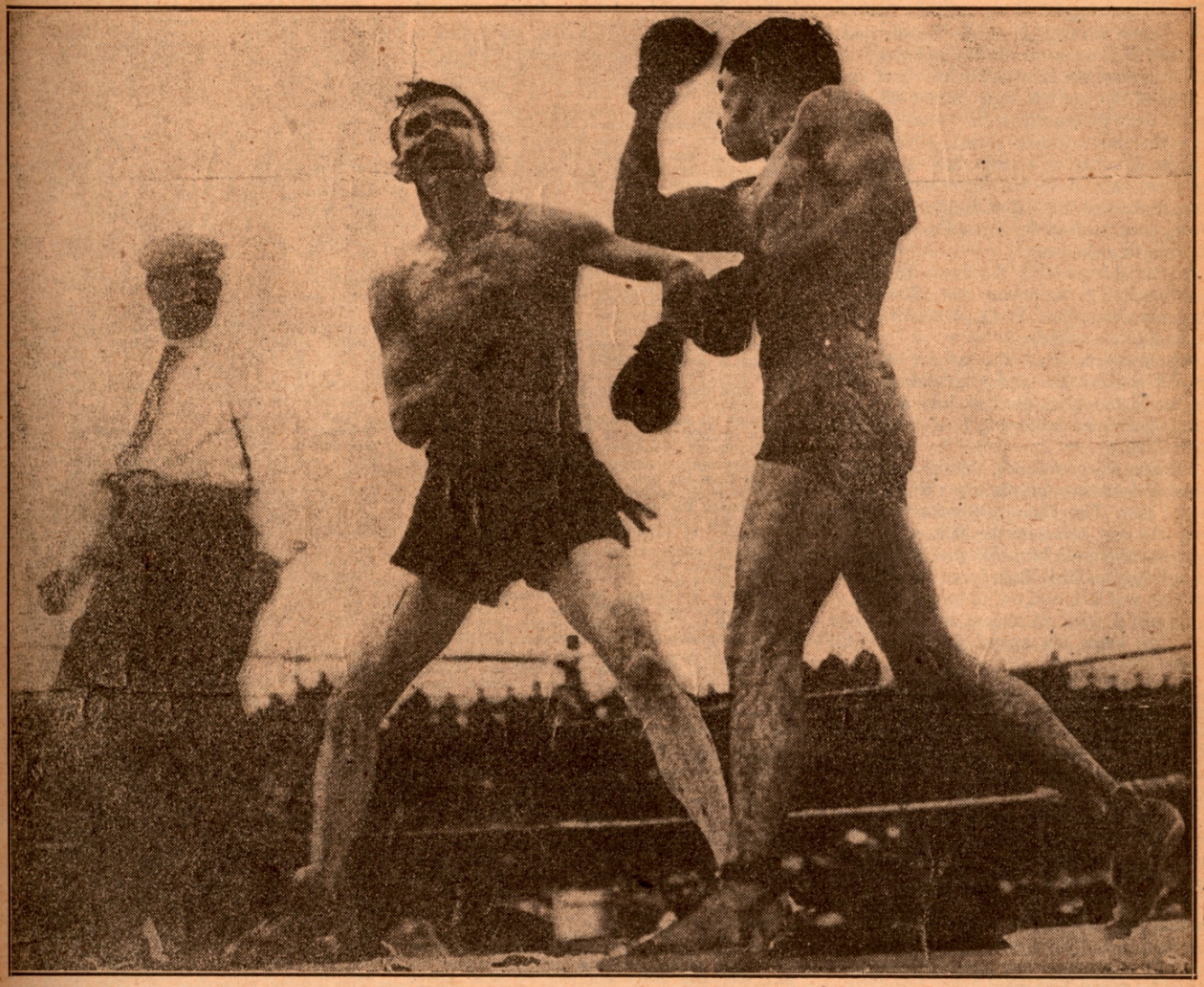
The Dane had no complaint after the fight. "I think I could have lasted the 45 rounds," he said. But he knew he could not have won. Nor could he have lasted, for that matter.

Wolgast said, "It was more like a bout in training, especially after the twenty-second, in which he really hurt me. He hurt me mostly by butting me. I felt queer for a few seconds, but it wore off and made me all the more determined to knock him out."

Ed Smith, the referee, said that Nelson obviously had been in the ring too long to hope to beat a fresher rival over the distance. Ed added:

"Wolgast beat Nelson at his own game, and beat him decisively. Wolgast kept complaining about butting. But I paid no attention to Ad because he was just as guilty in that detail as was Nelson."

Nelson's defeat cost a lot of folks plenty of money. The ringside betting was at even money until the twenty-fourth round. Then Wolgast backers offered 5 to 4, without any action.



And here we see the windup of a powerful right that sent Nelson's head back with a snap in the fortieth round. A few seconds later, Referee Ed Smith stopped the bout.

Wolgast won a lot of dough for his supporters when he went into the twenty-sixth round. A bunch of Nelson money had been bet that Ad would not be able to last 25 heats.

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At one o'clock in the afternoon the day of the fight, it was raining hard. But thousands kept coming across the Bay from San Francisco, and the promoters knew that weather or no weather, they had a money-maker.

As the rain continued, Sid Hester, the promoter, called up Nelson and reminded him that even if the rain kept up, the fight would go on. "Don't worry, I will be on hand to fight by lightning, if necessary," said the Dane.

Wolgast officially scaled at 132¼ pounds, and Nelson, too, was under 133. Ad always insisted he weighed only 124 that day.

The fight was scheduled for three o'clock—outdoors, of course. Wolgast was first in the ring, accompanied by Tom Jones, Hobo Dougherty, Pete McVey, Young Miller and Frankie Harris. Nelson followed with a smaller entourage.

Right up to the opening bell, Jones kept telling Wolgast not to take too fast an initiative, that it was a 45-round bout, and that if Ad took his time and let the Dane do his share of the early forcing, Wolgast would wear him down. Wolgast promised to obey. He kept his word.

The first seven rounds were productive of one surprise after another, and when the eighth rolled around, Wolgast was in front. The first was even but then Ad went to the fore. The Dane forced the fighting from the bell, and Wolgast got sore and tore into him with hard punches to the jaw and nose.

When the eighth round rolled into the scene, Nelson realized that he was giving Wolgast too much lee-way, and he went after him.

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THE Dane rushed from his corner and landed a terrific right to the jaw. Ad came back with right and left to the face, but the Battler bored in, and forced Ad to cover. The Dane chased Wolgast and stung him with a succession of drives which started the blood flowing from Ad's schnozz.

Wolgast looked tired—and only the eighth round. However, looks were deceptive, for after the fortieth round wind-up, he was as skitterish as a colt.

Round nine belonged to Nelson. But in the tenth, Wolgast began to freshen, and Nelson started to recede. Ad speeded up the going at this point, and the Dane discovered that matching his challenger was no mean task.

From the tenth to the eighteenth, it was all Wolgast. The writer doesn't want to make this too gory. But it was a terrific fight all the way. No dancing around and holding on. They were fighters. Perhaps they weren't wise enough to slow down for a breathing spell. Perhaps they were battlers with primordial instincts.

Perhaps they were just a couple of elementary guys who felt that the fans had paid to see a fight, and were determined to see that the customers got what they had paid for.

In the eighteenth Nelson came to the center of the ring and laughed, "Well, how do you feel now?" Wolgast chuckled, "Just as if I were punching the bag." And to bring home his point, Ad belted Nelson with a couple to his sore mouth. It was in this round that Wolgast slipped to his knees. He was up immediately.

THEY struggled along until the twenty-second round, in which Nelson made his bold bid, to no avail. He staggered his man, then he put him down for three, and it looked like the old title holder all over again. But, Wolgast was far from through.

In the thirty-fourth round, Nelson was staggered with a terrific left swing to the jaw, and it looked like curtains for him. Right and left, right and left, and the Dane, once so durable, seemed on the verge of being knocked out.

In the thirty-sixth, the Dane came out very weak. The fight was over. There was no doubt about that. Wolgast was the new champion. No question.

Ad knew he was the winner and he danced around the dying gladiator, who was only too glad to dive into a clinch. Battling Nelson rushing to hold on! It was incredible.

In the thirty-seventh, Wolgast almost drove Nelson through the ropes with a right to the jaw. The Dane tottered around the ring. He was saved by the bell.

In the thirty-eighth, Wolgast was tantalizingly methodical. Tom Jones had told him the title was his, and not to jeopardize it.

Robinson tried to throw in the sponge and then came his appeal to Referee Ed Smith.

Smith did not like to be placed in the position of stopping a fight, with the champion beaten, in the thirty-eighth round. However, Ed saw that something would have to be done quickly, or Nelson might be killed.

"If you men don't throw in the sponge now, I will stop it in the next round," he said in the thirty-ninth. In the fortieth, Smith finally halted the slaughter.

And that is how Battling Nelson lost his lightweight title to Ad Wolgast, in one of the most gruelling fights in the history of the American ring. The story of the battle, round by round, follows:

THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS

ROUND 1—Nelson swung his left high on the head and a moment later planted a solid left to the face. They fought at close range at a fast clip. Wolgast stood with his back against the ropes and flayed the Battler with short-arm jabs on the face. Nelson forced the fighting, landing right and left on the jaw and face. Wolgast, maddened, fought back fiercely, landing several powerful wallops on the champion's jaw and nose. It was an even round.

ROUND 2—Nelson started the round with a left smash to the face, and forced his man against the ropes. Wolgast swung two powerful lefts to the face and a right and left to the jaw at close range. Nelson's lip bled slightly. Both exchanged rights and lefts to the face. A right swing by Nelson opened up a cut under Wolgast's right eye that bled slightly. Nelson took the fighting to his opponent, but was met with two hard lefts to stomach and a right to the jaw. Wolgast had a shade the better of the round.

ROUND 3—Wolgast shot in three straight lefts to the face, Nelson rebuking him with a right swing fairly on the jaw. Wolgast smiled, and they mixed it against the ropes. Nelson brought the blood from Wolgast's nose, crossing him with a vicious right. After some wrestling Nelson forced his man against the ropes, but Wolgast covered up and smothered neatly. Nelson was doing the majority of the work, and both men slowed up considerably. The round was even.

ROUND 4—Nelson piled on top of his man and the Milwaukeean fought back fiercely. Nelson staggered Wolgast with a left uppercut to the jaw; followed with left and right swings to the body. Wolgast fought back gamely, playing for the head and body. Nelson forced his antagonist against the ropes and tried to land a knockout punch, but Wolgast was too elusive. Wolgast landed twice with the right on the face, and then they fought at close range. Wolgast's right finding the stomach and his left landing on Nelson's jaw. Wolgast's eye was swollen as he took his seat. Both men bled from nostrils at the close of the round, which was even.

ROUND 5—Nelson forced his man around the ring and delivered a telling right smash on the jaw, to which Wolgast responded in kind, lifting Nelson in the air. They went at it like a pair of bull terriers, and both men were cautioned for butting. The round ended in a furious exchange, Wolgast having the better of it.

ROUND 6—Wolgast talked to his seconds as Nelson battered away at him. After Wolgast had landed two rights to the jaw and a left swing to the same place, Nelson closed in and an exchange of short-arm rights and lefts to the head followed. Nelson swung a hard right to the jaw, which the Battler duplicated a moment later. Wolgast backed into his own corner and scored on the stomach with a tremendous left that sent the crowd howling. A moment later he sent in another to the same place. The round closed with the honors in favor of Wolgast.

ROUND 7—Nelson appeared to have slowed down a bit. Wolgast swung two lefts to the face and a midring rally followed, the men exchanging right and left swings to the head. Wolgast met the oncoming Battler with two uppercut lefts to the jaw, and an instant later swung twice with right to the face and left to the body, meanwhile covering up cleverly. Nelson sent Wolgast almost through the ropes with a left smash to the jaw. They mixed it in the centre of the ring. Wolgast bringing a fresh stream of blood from the champion's face. As the bell rang Nelson swung a hard right over the heart. The round was fairly even.

ROUND 8—Nelson rushed in, planting his right solidly on the jaw. He forced the pace, but was met with a straight right and left to the face. Nelson never faltered, however, and kept Wolgast constantly at work covering. Nelson started the blood flowing from his man's nostrils as he chased him about the ring, landing several times with the right and left to the face. Wolgast sought a haven against the ropes, with Nelson slugging away unceasingly. Wolgast looked tired at this stage of the contest, and his blows seemed to have lost some of their sting. The round closed with Nelson enjoying a good lead.

ROUND 9—Wolgast broke ground before the Battler, ever and anon trying to reach Nelson with right and left to the stomach. Finally they mixed it, fighting at a furious clip, each landing on the face and jaw. One mix was a repetition of the other, Nelson, forcing his man back and Wolgast trying hard to stop the pace leader. Wolgast uppercut to the jaw with his left, and a moment later cut open Nelson's ear with a right swing. Nelson danced to his corner with the blood streaming from his injured ear. Nelson had a shade the best of it.

ROUND 10—Nelson forced the pace, constantly backing his opponent against the ropes. Wolgast in a corner got back fiercely, but the champion was not to be stopped. Time and again Wolgast landed, but Nelson never faltered. Wolgast peppered the champion's face with left and right, and finally crossed with a terrific left to the jaw. Nelson never winced, all the time compelling Wolgast to step back against the ropes. Nelson again danced to his corner at the sound of the bell. Nelson's round.

ROUND 11—Wolgast outboxed the champion, but could not make him break ground. Nelson mercilessly waded in, unmindful of the constant tattoo that Wolgast beat against his face and jaw with short-arm hooks and jolts. Wolgast swung right and left to the jaw. The bell ended the round with Wolgast hammering away at Nelson's jaw and face, landing almost at will. Nelson's face was a mass of blood as he took his seat with the honors of the round against him.

ROUND 12—Wolgast was cautioned to let go by the referee. Nelson forced the pace as usual, Wolgast meeting him with several hard left swings on the jaw. Nelson apparently was determined to tire the Milwaukeean out, but meanwhile he received fearful punishment, Wolgast flaying with right and left with almost pendulum precision. Wolgast seemed to gain confidence as the men roughed it, head to head against the ropes. Wolgast never let up and again started the blood flowing from Nelson's face with a series of right and left punches.

ROUND 13—As the men toed the mark, Nelson's lips were puffed and his mouth and eyes swollen. They mixed like tigers, Wolgast landing repeatedly on the body and jaw, with Nelson fighting wildly and spitting blood. Wolgast literally cut the Battler's face to ribbons, but still the Dane came on for more. Nelson wrestled his man against the ropes, Wolgast covering up. There was a temporary lull in the battle, after which Wolgast swung right and left to the body.

"The worst beating the champion has ever received," said old-time ring followers, as Nelson's seconds worked over his damaged face during the minute's respite at the end of the round.

ROUND 14—Wolgast looked much the fresher as they came up. He flung his right hard to the face and followed with left and right to the body. Nelson's face was badly swollen. Wolgast fought fiercely, taking the fighting right to the Battler. Nelson almost forced Wolgast through the ropes, and then assisted him to the center of the ring. Wolgast smiled and shook the champion's hand warmly. Wolgast then hooked his left twice in quick succession to the jaw, and followed it with a straight right to the face, and the bell ended a rather tame round.

ROUND 15—Betting now even money. They whaled away ineffectively at one another, both displaying more caution than in any previous round. Nelson then wrestled his man about the ring, only to be rewarded with a left uppercut on the sore mouth. Nelson, outpointed badly, continued to force the pace, all the while the target for Wolgast's well-timed swings. Nelson missed a terrific swing that was labeled knock-out, and this taught Wolgast that he had better be careful. It was another tame round.

ROUND 16—Wolgast swung several times over the kidneys and they roughed it, Nelson receiving the lion's share of the punishment. Wolgast kept pegging away with right and left to the jaw, and finally a tremendous drive caught Nelson's jaw. Nelson never wavered but closed in, exchanging punch for punch. Nelson swung left and right to the body, and forced his antagonist against the ropes, landing several times with right and left to the jaw. Nelson went to his seat dancing.

ROUND 17—Wolgast backed away, Nelson throwing himself at him with great vim. Wolgast met the onslaught with right and left swings to the body. Nelson fought hard and never stopped. Finally Wolgast swung a terrific right to the jaw and then shot in a half dozen right swings over the champion's sore ear. Nelson received a hard uppercut on the jaw, causing the blood to flow afresh. The men fought every inch of the way.

ROUND 18—"How do you feel?" asked Nelson as the men came up.

"As if I were punching a bag," was the quick rejoinder of Wolgast, with which he waded in, landing right and left on Nelson's sore mouth. Wolgast slipped to his knees in his own corner, but was up in a jiffy. He covered up, with Nelson battering away at him, but failed to land. Wolgast apparently staggered the champion, sending in several vicious right swings to the jaw. Wolgast deliberately butted the champion with his head and was quickly rebuked by Referee Smith. The crowd hissed, and the round ended without damage.

ROUND 19—The men came up almost as fresh as at the beginning. Wolgast time and again jabbed his left to the face, Nelson fighting back fiercely, but ineffectively. They battled about the ring, Nelson all the time the aggressor and never relenting, and Wolgast slowly breaking ground and playing for the face and jaw with short-arm jolts. Wolgast staggered the champion with a succession of powerful rights to the jaw. There was no giving way with Nelson, and as the round ended he tripped to his seat. One round was practically a repetition of its predecessor.

ROUND 20—They slugged and roughed it from one end of the ring to the other. It was the same old story—Nelson forcing and Wolgast retreating and peppering the champion's badly swollen face. Wolgast planted his left to the jaw with much force as the round ended. It was a tame round.

ROUND 21—Nelson opened the round with a vicious straight right to the jaw and Wolgast sought refuge in a clinch. Nelson then planted right and left on the jaw and Wolgast almost backed to the ropes. They milled it to the center of the ring without inflicting damage, and then exchanged rights to the face. Wolgast swung a hard right to the jaw, Nelson countering with a right cross to the same place. The bell ended a round of tame milling.

ROUND 22—Nelson staggered his antagonist with a clean right drive to the stomach. He followed his advantage, landing right and left to the jaw and body. A right swing sent Wolgast to his haunches. He was up quickly, but staggered about the ring. Wolgast stalled for half a minute and both swung fiercely at each other. Nelson tried with all his might for a knockout, but failed. Wolgast's seconds gave him whisky as he took his seat. It was all Nelson's round.

ROUND 23—Nelson went right after his man, and Wolgast fought back gamely. He swung twice to the Battler's jaw with right, and then a hard rally in the midring followed, both landing telling punches. Nelson appeared to be much the stronger of the two. He shot his left hand to the jaw, Wolgast retaliating with left swings to the jaw. Nelson tried for a knockout, but Wolgast covered up cleverly and closed into a clinch. The round ended without damage. Wolgast again was given whisky during the minute's intermission.

ROUND 24—Wolgast came up fresher. Nelson forced him from one end of the ring to the other, Wolgast in the meantime swinging viciously to the jaw with right and left. Nelson only shook his head and then shot a hard right to the jaw and left swing to the face. Wolgast hooked his right to the jaw, Nelson countering with a left hook to the body. Wolgast slowed up perceptibly and the crowd yelled "Fight, fight." The round ended tamely.

ROUND 25—Nelson dropped his man against the ropes, but his swings were badly directed. They exchanged savage lefts to the face and Nelson crossed his right to the jaw. Wolgast set his backers cheering by scoring thrice on the jaw with hard right swings. Soon after he duplicated this performance, but Nelson never wavered. Wolgast appeared to be tiring at this stage. The crowd sent up a great cheer when they realized that Wolgast had lasted the twenty-five rounds.

ROUND 26—They wrestled to the center of the ring and refused to break. Then they battled head to head. Nelson almost closing Wolgast's right eye with a straight left. After some struggling at close quarters, Wolgast swung a powerful wallop to the Battler's face and the Dane went to his corner spitting blood.

ROUND 27—Wolgast changed his tactics at the start of this round. He rushed in close and took the fighting to the Dane. Fighting shoulder to shoulder, each landed on the face. Nelson's left eye was almost entirely closed at this stage. Wolgast clipped Nelson solidly on the jaw with his right, and the spectators cheered. Wolgast closed in and played for body, but his efforts were blocked, and Nelson broke it up with a stinging right to the face. Wolgast's round.

ROUND 28—Nelson came up with left cheek badly swollen. They fought at a hot pace, locked in each other's embrace, and were cautioned to

break. Breaking, Wolgast swung twice with right to Nelson's sore face, and at close range swung left and right to mouth, starting blood. They slowed up considerably and frequently fought to a clinch. Nelson went to his corner on a trot. No damage.

ROUND 29—Wolgast rushed, jabbing Nelson with one arm, and fought to land on the body with the other. He finally landed several swings over the kidneys and twice shot his left to the face. Nelson unhooked a left that caught Wolgast over the heart and the latter winced and groaned. Nelson caught his man straight on the jaw as they rushed to close quarters, and then followed a succession of clinches. Breaking they exchanged terrific left swings to jaw and then fought to another clinch, in which position they were at the close of the round.

ROUND 30—As the men came up for this round Nelson's left eye was completely closed. The men roughed it, Nelson hitting rather low. The crowd yelled its disapproval. At close quarters Wolgast drove right and left repeatedly in the stomach and Nelson covered up. Nelson then sent a terrific right to the jaw and missed two similar blows. Wolgast swung a right to the jaw and the champion broke ground for an instant. Nelson returned with a right smash to the chin.

ROUND 31—Nelson trotted to the center of the ring and Wolgast landed several short-arm jolts to the stomach, following them with a right swing to the chin. Nelson fought more carefully. Wolgast swung a hard right to the sore cheek, after which both rested in a clinch. Breaking Wolgast swung twice with his right on the jaw and he danced away as the Dane rushed after him. Wolgast had the advantage of the round.

ROUND 32—The men came up slowly and immediately closed in, volleying at each other's stomach, with Wolgast landing frequently. Suddenly Wolgast swung with his right, catching Nelson flush on the mouth, and a stream of blood followed. Nelson presented a gory picture as the blood covered him from head to foot. The round ended in Wolgast's favor. He no longer failed to mix it with the champion, and appeared to gain confidence as the battle progressed.

ROUND 33—In a clinch Wolgast drove three rights to the stomach and with his left peppered away at Nelson's damaged eye. Wolgast then swung two rights to the same place and Nelson was half blinded. His blows were wild, and he found it difficult to locate the Milwaukee lad. They mixed it, and Wolgast planted two hard rights full tilt in the stomach and Nelson clinched. Nelson could see with one eye only, the other being out of commission. It was all Wolgast's round. Nelson's efforts to land were feeble.

ROUND 34—Both came up quickly and had to be pried from a clinch. Bets were offered at evens at this stage, with no Nelson money in sight. Wolgast peppered the Battler's sore face, and varied this with right and left short-arm rips to the stomach. Nelson seemed to have lost all his vim, and seldom made any determined effort to land. The men closed in and Wolgast started blood spouting from the champion's mouth, with two well-directed jolts. Wolgast's round.

ROUND 35—Nelson was a sight as he came to the center of the ring. All life seemed to have gone out of him, and although he forced matters all his efforts were devoted to stopping the blows of his adversary. Wolgast started, his arms going in whirlwind fashion, landing without return on the Dane's stomach. Wolgast staggered the champion with a terrific left swing to the jaw, and Nelson appeared to be going to pieces gradually. Wolgast smashed with right and had the champion groggy from a succession of rights and lefts to the jaw. The bell rang in the nick of time, saving the champion from what looked like certain defeat.

ROUND 36—Nelson came up weak. He waded in, but could not see Wolgast. The latter danced around the champion like a jumpingjack, sending in punch after punch. Nelson almost tottered into a clinch, but Wolgast fought warily and took no chances of the Battler's stalling. Wolgast played for body and head alternately, but his blows were not strong enough for a knockout. Nelson almost fell into his chair as the round ended.

ROUND 37—Wolgast took no chances, apparently fearing that the champion was faking weakness. Wolgast jarred Nelson with three right punches to the jaw and Nelson could hardly come back. They met in mid-ring with Nelson swinging like a babe and Wolgast landing with good clean punches. Nelson's ability to stem the tide was a wonderful exhibition. Wolgast almost sent the champion through the ropes with a right smash to the jaw. Nelson tottered about the ring helpless and Wolgast sent in smash upon smash and the bell rang, saving Nelson from a knockout.

ROUND 38—Nelson was a pitiful sight as he staggered to the center of the ring. Wolgast appeared to be in no hurry to complete his work. Robinson at this stage tried to throw up the sponge, but the other Nelson seconds took the sponge from him and threw it in the bucket. Nelson to all intents and purposes was a beaten man and it required the use of all his senses to stave off or prolong inevitable defeat. Both men were covered from head to foot from the Dane's blood and the arena soon became a shambles. Wolgast peppered away at the disintegrating champion, the crowd yelling itself hoarse for the Milwaukeean to finish his man and the agony. Their cries were mingled with expressions of pity for Nelson. Betting two to one in favor of Wolgast.

ROUND 39—Wolgast appeared loath to put in the finishing punch. He jabbed incessantly at the Battler's anatomy, and again the blood flowed in a stream. Nelson tried to make a last rally, but it was only for a fleeting moment, and he again quickly subsided and scarcely could hold his hands up. Wolgast almost sent Nelson to the floor, landing blow after blow on the defenseless champion's face.

Ring followers said that never had they seen such an exhibition of gameness as displayed by Nelson. Referee Smith said he would stop the fight in the next round if Nelson's seconds did not.

ROUND 40—Wolgast backed away, looking for an opening for a final blow. He smashed the beaten champion on the jaw with a right, putting all his remaining strength in the blow. Nelson tottered and was on the point of collapse when Referee Eddie Smith stopped the fight and gave the verdict to Wolgast. Nelson tried to shake the hand of his conqueror, but was so weak that he was nearly dragged to his corner.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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to see what has taken place, thinks that the fighter who did the butting, accidentally or otherwise, should be penalized, at least he should disqualify the man by declaring him the loser on a foul. That would be more according to Hoyle.

Let's revise the rules, gentlemen of the California Commission.

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THE heavyweight situation as the year came to an end, took on a new lease of life in the rise of Lee Oma of Detroit and the elimination of Tami Mauriello, at least for a time, as a threat to the outstanding challengers. Tami, facing Lee in a return engagement after having scored a kayo in eight rounds over Oma a few weeks previously, was so far outclassed, and so badly defeated, that it placed Lee in an enviable position, in line for several lucrative engagements with the outstanding leaders.

Not that Lee and Mauriello didn't draw down plenty for their Garden tilt. A crowd of 16,283 paid $63,283 to see Lee smother his opponent with snappy jabs, and occasional stinging counter punches, all tossed from a most unorthodox boxing stance. He had Tami's kisser looking like a red beet and added to the insult occasional mockery, brought on by the many misses of Mauriello's attempts to land.

There were no knockdowns, nor was the gathering thrilled by any exceptional fighting, but it fully enjoyed the eccentric antics of the winner, whose style much resembles that of Maxie Rosenbloom at his best. Oma is far from a finished boxer, but he'll do, especially with the present mediocre crop of heavies.

The lanky, loose-jointed Detroit heavyweight who has been fighting for a number of years, has finally come into his own and the big dough. He has been knocked out thirteen times since 1939, but now seems ready to hold his own against the best.

His unorthodox style is what gets an opponent. Unless one can solve it by cornering Lee, something Tami, with his lame leg and short arms couldn't do, Lee will continue to baffle his rivals and add to his victories.

It was Lee's unorthodox fighting that so upset Tami that at the end of almost every round Mauriello shook his head in disgust at his complete failure. The Detroiter added insult to injury by sticking his chin out inviting a shot, then beating Tami to it every time Mauriello tried to take advantage of the opportunity. Such procedure usually was followed by a sneering laugh that had Tami bulldozed.

Oma, Tami's old sparring mate, gave his one time teacher plenty of trouble. With arms dangling at his side as did Maxie Rosenbloom, and with a tricky left and gliding feet that was a reminder of Young Stribling, Lee Oma presented a novelty for present day fans. He is the first of that type to fight in the Garden in many years.

Lee is never set for a punch hence cannot land solidly or with enough power to send his man down. From the outset he had Tami's number. With a stinging left jab, a tricky left hook and a right that was tossed from where Lee's hip pocket would be if he were in civilian clothes, he kept Tami at bay in almost every session.

In the final round when Mauriello, urged by his seconds to knock out his man if he wanted to win the fight, swarmed in with a flurry of rights and lefts to the body, Lee calmly stepped out of range, crossed a right to Tami's mouth and out came mouthpiece and Mauriello's tooth and a gush of claret. That was the last straw.

Tami will have to begin all over again in an effort to climb back to the top.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS

By BILL DAVEE

SAN ANTONIO—As 4000 frenzied fans howled their approval, Kid Azteca, the welterweight champion of Mexico, eked out a ten-round decision over Punchin' Paul Altman, sensational young Houston slugger, in one of the goriest main events ever staged in this city. Azteca showed that he has lost none of the class and ring generalship that have kept him a headliner for the past decade, when he came from far behind to snag the duke.

Young Altman got away to a fast start and won four of the first five rounds with a two-fisted attack, but received a badly cut lip in the sixth, and from there on the deadly counter-punching of the Mexican never missed the injured mark. The final tabulation showed both judges and Referee Bert Brannon scoring the fight exactly alike, with five heats for Azteca, four for Altman and one even. The gate was a shade over $5,000.

In the ten-round semi-windup, Jose Mendoza, Monterey lightweight, scored a ninth-round kayo over Douglas Gibson, willing puncher from Charlotte, N. C. It was a rousing scrap all the way, with Gibson getting off the floor a number of times to carry the fight to the rugged Mexican. Mendoza seems to have a charmed fistic career in the Alamo City, having scored five knockouts in as many starts here.

Ralph Marino defeated Pablo Garza in six heats. They are welters. Johnny Villanueva, a very promising featherweight, flattened Otho Slager in three. Joe Laredo stopped Pete Hernandez in four.

At Dallas—Fritzie Zivic, former welterweight champion of the world, seems to have lost little of his ability, as he demonstrated in putting the finisher on Manuel Villa in six rounds. Villa made a grand bid until he was nailed flush with Fritzie's Sunday punch.

In the supporting card, Juste Fontaine, protege of Zivic, K.O.'ed Joe Pachuco in one round; Joey Abrams stopped Roberto Estrada, one; Jose Andreas flattened Pete Cabral, one, and Mickey Quack beat Ramon Alva, six.

At El Paso—Manny Ortega, former Golden Gloves champion and the rage of the Border City, captured the state featherweight title by punching out a two-round T.K.O. over the former title holder, Johnny Pacheco. Ortega appears to be the finest piece of fighting machinery turned out around El Paso in many years and should be a boost to the gates of Promoter Jimmy Erwin.

Galveston—Jimmy Carollo, classy young New York heavyweight, got sweet revenge on Texas Jack Marshall by winning a ten-round decision. Marshall tagged Carollo a couple of months ago for a kayo, and Jimmy justified the claims of his many Galveston fans that he was the victim of a lucky punch, when he won this one. It was a fast fight all the way.

Eddie Bertolino, Galveston lightweight, won from Ramon Alva in six. Frankie Abrams K.O.'ed Harry Lane, four; Woody Comeaux stopped Walter Thebedoux, three; Phil DeCara beat Jose Andreas, six, and Mickey Quack defeated Lew Williams, six.

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Lee Oma Is Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR. *Substituting for* CPL. MEYER ACKERMAN *now serving with Gen. Patton's Division in France.*

THE presence in this country of Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, seemed to instill new life into the ranking heavyweights, for there was more activity among them during the past few weeks than at any time since the start of the summer season. Joe went on an exhibition tour. Lee Q. Murray, Al Hart, Joe Baksi, Lee Oma, Tami Mauriello, and Elmer Ray were among the heavyweights who entered competition and of the lot, the man who gained the greatest amount of publicity was Lee Oma, who through his trouncing of Tami Mauriello, whom he put out of the running as a contender, became the "Fighter of the Month." Lee gave Tami an artistic trimming, and made by far the best showing of any of his rivals.

Elmer Ray continued his climb with two more victories. Oma, by his victory over Tami insured himself several lucrative engagements, the first of which will be during the New Year, January 12, against Joe Baksi, another high ranking heavyweight.

In the light-heavyweight division, Walter Popeye Woods continued his climb. He kept his winning streak intact by knocking out Tiger Lou Jones and handing a lacing to Berlie Lanier. Jimmy Shamus O'Brien has worked his way close to the select circle by the manner in which he has been trouncing his opponents. He decisively whipped Teddy Randolph, a good battler, and flattened Odell Riley and Nap Mitchell.

Cocoa Kid got himself in "Dutch" when his bout with Billy Smith on the Coast was called "no contest" and his money was held up after the bout had been stopped in the third. He also was trounced by Aaron Little Tiger Wade and thus lost considerable prestige.

Those bouts cost Cocoa Kid his place in the numerical section of THE RING'S Annual Ratings for 1944.

Willie Joyce upset the dope when he beat Ike Williams in the lightweight class. Other winners among the top-flight men were Ronnie James, Juan Zurita and Cleo Shans. Nick Moran, a newcomer from Mexico, held Johnny Thomas, star California fighter, to a draw. Tony Janiro continued his fine work and will soon be ready for a place among the elite.

Danny Webb, after having his contest with Kid Tanner called "no contest," beat Tommy McGlinchey in Scotland the very next day. Phil Terranova lost a tough one to Harry Jeffra, and Willie Pep, the champ, had a close call in his bout with Charley Cabey Lewis, who later halted Gene Gregory.

Manuel Ortiz again successfully defended his world title by stopping Luis Castillo in nine rounds, then beating Lorenzo Safora of Cuba in 10 in a non-title affair.

This month being that in which the annual rating of boxers appears, there will be no monthly rating. Only the results of the fights are listed. Here they are by divisions:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Joe Louis' boxing exhibitions showed in Washington, D. C., where he toyed with Jimmy Bell, 3, then with regulation six-ounce gloves in Buffalo he knocked out Johnny Davis in 53 seconds of the first round, following this up with a three-round exhibition at Elizabeth, N. J., with Dee Amos. Louis again boxed Dee Amos three rounds at Camden, N. J. Louis took on Dan Merritt for three rounds at Chicago, flooring Merritt four times in three rounds.

Lee Q. Murray returned to the square circle and knocked out Jack (Buddy) Walker, 3, and Yancey Henry in 4, and Henry won a close one from Gunnar Barlund in 10; Barlund trounced Vince Pimpinelli in 10. Al Hart scored another one-round knockout on the West Coast, the victim being Harold Blackshear. Elmer Ray knocked out Claudio Villar in 35 seconds of the first round, defeated Earl Lowman, 10, kayoed Jimmy Williams, 6. Joe Baksi returned to the wars to flatten Buddy Knox, 4. Tony Galento returned to ring competition and succeeded in knocking out one Jack Suzeck, 3. Lee Oma won decisively over Tami Mauriello, 10. Harry Bobo put away Johnny Denson, 4. Lonnie Clark defeated Nat Hines, 6. James (Tiger) Sheppard licked Bob Smith, 6. Pete Louthis whipped Doug Johnson, 4; Sandy McPherson, 4, and Bill Bassette, 4; Bassette knocked out the green Bernie Farley, 2, whipped George Saunders, 4. Fernando (The Mighty) Menichelli made his American debut a success by licking Laurient Bouchard, 10, then was held to a draw by Johnny White, 10.

Johnny Allen defeated Charley Crump, 6, Bradley Lewis, 6. Dave Mason stiffened Johnny Hubbard, 1; Hubbard stopped Enoch McLain, 4. Hal Glassman defeated Hugh Walker, 4.

Dixie Oliver pulled a surprise kayo win over Gus Dorazio, 8. Louis Long halted Jerry (Schoolboy) Berthiaume, 10. Jim Williams licked Dan Merritt, 8. Billy Reed stopped Russell Jones, 2. Al Sheridan defeated John Copeland, 4.

Billy Gilbert licked George Edwards, 4. Johnny Melko stopped Bull Houghton, 2. Gene Felton whipped Tiger Sheppard, 6. Ardis Mack knocked out Bill Parks, 3.

Georgie Parks halted Jimmy Bell in 41 seconds of the first round. Art McAlpine whipped Al Stephany, 8. Claude Ellison knocked out Walter Radcliffe, 1. Howard Thompson licked Al Patterson, 10. Colion Chaney held Bob Garner even, 10.

Jackie Talmer knocked out Bud Chamberlin, 1. Johnny Fulton defeated Speedy Williams, 4. Jimmy Carollo finally got over his jinx by licking Jack Marshall, 10. Johnny Flynn flattened Frank Androff, 1. Cpl. Jim Foster halted Joe Thomas, 2. Henry Jones whipped Jackie Saunders, 8.

Pvt. Bob Blevins licked Gus Mulner, 5. Jack Charles decisioned Earl Thompson, 10. Capt. Steve Ludman defeated Leonard Nix, 4. Al Jordan knocked out Paul Hartnek, 2.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Walter (Popeye) Woods kept his winning streak intact by scoring a decisive win over Berlie Lanier, 10, then kayoed Tiger Lou Jones, 8. Teddy Randolph upset the dope by licking George Parks, 10, but was decisively licked by Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien, 10; O'Brien flattened Odell Riley, 6, Nap Mitchell, 1.

Herman Badger whipped Jimmy Grinnage, 6. Al Johnson knocked out Ken Schelly, 4, Willie Watkins, 1. Jimmy Nelson surprised by licking Joe Reddick, 10. Jimmy Ruzzo flattened Nick Rabin, 4, Joe Thomas, 1, Steve Barry, 2. Clent Conway licked Rudy Marshall, 6. Smiley Burnette whipped Leo Green, 4, kayoed Bob Roberts, 2. Charley Mobley stopped Larry Martin, 6.

Ralph Chong defeated Jack Patton, 6. Sam Shumway whipped Don Card, 6. Charley Lee licked Earl Lumpkin, 4. Jimmy Smith stopped Howard Berger, 5, beat Nat Hines, 6; Berger halted Maynard Jones, 5. Ira Hughes outlasted Bobby Castro, 6, knocked out Tom Woddard, 6. Ron McAulley knocked out Don Luff, 6.

Jimmy Mulligan stopped Al Johnson, 1, Billy Sunday, 3, Babe Overland, 3. Frank Genovese stopped Babe Overland, 2, Don Card, 4. Charley Bachofen stopped Leo Donais, 1. Bob Jacobs whipped Charley Eagle, 8.

Fitzie Fitzpatrick knocked out Battling Monroe, 1. Al Laboa defeated Leroy McQueen, 8. Danny Devlin easily whipped Walter Thomas, 6, stopped Billy Warner, 5. Bert Gilroy won over Pat O'Connor, 8, Ben Valentine, 10. Leon Szymurski defeated Billy Jones, 6.

John Thomas drew with Jimmy Bell, 6. Verne Esco decisioned heavyweight Dan Merritt, 10. Johnny Hernandez defeated Jesse (Indian) James, 4. Willie Barrow licked Odell Riley, 6. Vecie Van stopped Young Johnson, 2. Stoker Robinson flattened Billy Perry, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Vince Hawkins decisioned Johnny Clements, 10, Jack Lewis, 8, Johnny Kilburn, 8. Johnny Carter scored a technical knockout over Van McNutt, 6. Cocoa Kid was soundly trounced by Aaron (Little Tiger) Wade, 10, then his bout with Billy Smith was ruled no-contest, 3. Jack Chase stopped Kid Hermosillo, 6.

Ray Karlonis defeated Billy Hayes, 4, kayoed Joe Quinn, 1. Bob Clark decisioned Billy Heeps, 4. Marvin Trulock stopped Stanley Lewis, 5. Jim Berry whipped Jackie Wilson, 8; Wilson was stopped by Jack Lewis, 7, who also licked Paddy Nolan, 8.

Kenny LaSalle defeated Paulie Peters, 10. Dave Carver trounced Vic Chambers, 4, kayoed Leon Anthony, 1, then was beaten by Jerry LaStarza, 6; met again and was kayoed by LaStarza, 1. Frank Sweeney stopped Carl Blackman, 1.

Wilfe Shanks licked Joe Bennett, 10. Johnny Finazzo trounced Walter Cunningham, 6, then upset Bert Lytell, 10; Lytell licked Ossie Stewart, 8; Finazzo whipped Gus Alexander, 6, Joe Bennett, 10. Billy Cooper decisioned Johnny Morris, 6. Willie Scott stopped Johnny Corbett, 5, licked Harold Gary, 4, stopped Vic Chambers, 2, Billy Chaput, 2.

Bradley Lewis defeated Bobby Howard, 6; Bobby stopped Billy Webber, 7, Joe Gillis, 1, Charlie Bachofen, 2. Ritchie Gibbons licked Al Hallie, 4, stopped Billy Chaput, 3, then drew with Whitey Cozy, 6. Roland Hopp whipped Jimmy Bishop, 4, then again in 6. Pete DeRuzza halted Ballesandro Carubia, 4. Johnny Reardon knocked out Al Wright, 2. Bobby Coghlan stopped Chick Weston, 10. Jack McNamee finished even with Alan Westbury, 12. Tony Villa defeated Cliff Bowen, 12. Dal Conway knocked out Owen Moore, 8. Danny McMillan outclassed Steve Brogan, but the Virginia Boxing Commission ruled the bout stopped and declared it no-contest.

Lou Schwartz upset the highly favored Lou Bass, 8. Roman Starr stopped Edgar Robinson, 1. Louis Rousse finished Don Hale, 3. LaRue Smith halted Billy Perry, 2; Perry stopped Jimmy Wilks, 1, halted Vallee Rudi, 2, Bobby Howard, 1. Henry Chmielewski defeated Langston Dennis, 10, stopped Berlie Lanier, 7. Pancho Namee knocked out Stanley Lewis, 2. Jess Moraney put away Lee Datts, 3. Pete Pauline flattened Frank Casey, 1.

Paul Lewis decisioned Chester Slider, 10. Bobby Brown knocked out Ralph Tiovelli, 4, licked Charley Jones, 6. Jerry Maloni won by a knockout over Lige Drew, 3, then defeated Wilfe Shanks, 10.

Sampson Powell defeated Buster Peaks, 10. Sidney Miller whipped George Red Doty, 8. Alonzo Williams drew with his namesake, Al Williams, 4, then whipped Willie Collins, 4. Buddy DeMille won over Doll Nelson, 4.

Saint Paul trounced Billy Campanale, 6. Max Cameron defeated Tommy Colteaux, 12. Alan Westbury won on a foul from Tommy Hunter, 5. Tim Cossick whipped Ray Dunn, 12. Johnny Morrow drew with Jimmy Fox, 4.

Danny Aldridge trounced Tiger Lou Jones, 6. Jesse Jenkins halted Joe Bolden, 3, Clem Fitzpatrick, 2. Frankie Terry whipped Indian Gomez, 8. Ray Rovelli, 8. Johnny Harvey decisioned Jack Hawks, 6. Alvin Gordon defeated John Mathews, 4, Ned Thomas, 4.

Ernest Barnwell won an unpopular verdict over Joe E. Carter, 6; Carter defeated Cyril Gitten, 6. Speedy Cannon knocked out Willie Butler, 3. Al Saunders defeated Bert Daniels, 10. Mad Anthony Jones whipped Henry Hall, 10. Bob Hawkins knocked out Dick Kells, 3, then was beaten by Kells, 4. Charley Padalino licked Willie Watkins, 4. Joe Blackwood defeated Seavy Williams, 4, then kayoed Williams, 2. J. C. Wilkins halted Howell King, 3.

Herman Porter stopped Johnny Crawford, 3, kayoed Leroy Pate, 2, drew with Leroy Wade, 4. Jerry Fiorello trounced beginner Saint Paul, 8, lost to Indian Gomez, 8. Bee Bee Washington halted Al Johnson, 6.

Coolidge Miller applied the quietus on Walter Cunningham, 4, licked Tiger Lou Jones, 8. Cannonball Joe Reddick lost to Jimmy Nelson, 10, then avenged this defeat the following week by licking Nelson, 10. Kid Azteca licked Paul Altman, 10.

Kid Tunero knocked out Al Evans, 1. Mike Sopko flattened Joe Harris, 4. Jack Patton stopped Bob Conley, 3. Dave Sands halted Max Cameron, 3. Freddie Steele defeated Jim Naylor, 6.

Leroy Bolden whipped Silent Escobar, 6. Sam Carter knocked out Bobby Richards, 1. Georgie Humes flattened Johnny Harvey, 1, Tony Pietro, 4. Buddy Brown put away Joey Edwards, 1, whipped Charley Jones, 6.

Jay Paganelli licked Vic Chambers, 6. Jackie Wilson stopped Jimmy Bray, 3, defeated Billy Mawson, 8. Woody Green halted Frankie James, 2. Arnold Deer defeated Frank Gaffney, 5.

Dave Clark licked Roland Hopp, 5. Bert Hyland stopped Billy Mayne, 5. Reedy Evans flattened Brown Bomber, 10. Lew Perez proved too funny for Leon Kennedy, 6, Jerry McGee, 4 (twice), lost to Ernie Kappa, 6, beat Jerry McGee, 6. Armand Gentile defeated Joe Jackson, 4.

Charley Dodson flattened R. J. Lewis, 3. Joe Albanese defeated Al Pinnel, 6. Tee Hubert whipped Al Saunders, 10. Cliff Beckett knocked out Jerry McGee, 3.

Paulie Peters stopped Frankie Angustain, 9. Sawee Jappa licked Freddie Lott, 4. Leo LaGarde knocked out Jimmy Long, 2. Johnny Finney flattened Willie Wigfall, 5.

Bobby Dance put away Buddy Holmes, 4.

Clarence Smith stopped Otis Muncy, 1. Bobby Giles flattened Bobby Howard, 5. Davey Feld halted Ralph Tiovelli, 2.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Fritzie Zivic stopped Pfc. Chuck Hirst, 5, Manuel Villa, 6. Billy Arnold knocked out middleweight Bob Wade, 2, and scored his second kayo win over Mayon Padlo, 3. Johnny Greco won a torrid 10-round go against Bobby Ruffin.

Al Davis kayoed a soft one in Frankie Ross, 2. Jimmy Doyle knocked out Ernie Butler, 5, then whipped Pete DeRuzza, 10, Sammy Daniels, 10. George (Sugar) Costner put away Sgt. Lou Woods, 3. Harold Green accounted for one Johnny Melcher in three rounds. Ray Robinson whipped Vic Dellicurti, 10.

Georgie Tomko decisioned Paulie Wilson, 6. Bobby Lakin defeated Henry Jordan, 8, knocked out Johnny Green, 8. Chris (Scotty) Adcock upset Herbie Brydon, 6. Danny Lorimer licked Jerry McGee, 4, stopped Mal Denbroeder, 4. Jimmy Sherrer stopped Lem Nelson, 6, Bill Grier, 1.

Vincent Villavicencio won over Bob Ferris, 6. Don Lee defeated Mickey Gamiere, 6. Peter Wheatstraw stopped Charley Early, 1; Early drew with Jimmy Williams, 4. George Stevens knocked out Johnny Dougwillow, 3. Bobby Zollo won on a disqualification from Eddie Clark, 1, then defeated Al Pinnell, 6 (twice), stopped Jean Paul Green, 3. Al Hallie drew with Johnny Mara, 4, lost to Ritchie Gibbons, 4, lost to Johnny Mara, 6, then whipped Mike Welch, 4. Freddie Petrone stopped Freddie Gilbo, 2.

Billy Nixon flattened Jimmy Hill, 1, defeated Frankie Wills, 8, was kayoed in three rounds by Eugene Burton, then came back to knock out Eddie Allen, 1, defeated Jesse Moraney, 8. Willie Watkins halted Joe Quinn, 1. Harry James put away Sam Quick, 2. Jimmy Moore whipped Harry Davis, 10. Johnny Pitt stopped Ronnie Davies, 4. Leo Phillips finished even with Joe Hyman, 8.

Mike Stankovich decisioned Pete Viratos, 6, then lost to Tommy Egan, 6; Egan also whipped Lincoln Stanley, 6; Viratos stopped Duane Everett, 5. Chuck Taylor knocked out Earl Hamilton, 2, then was stopped by Smuggey Hersey, 4.

Teddy Green defeated Ernest Barnwell, 6 (twice), Jerry McGee, 4. Willie Gray stiffened Mal Denbroeder, 2. Billy Furrone licked Joe Matone, 8. Billy Parsons whipped Bobby Richardson, 10, Jimmy Hunt, 8.

Ernie Roderick stopped Billy Mawson, 5. Harry Hurst returned to the ring to whip Jimmy Moore, 10. Freddie Young knocked out George Pull, 4. Sheik Rangel turned in a sparkling win over "Cat" Robinson, 8. Georgie Red Doty knocked out Tom Collins, 2.

Sambo won another one in kayoing Lou Phillips, 1, then kayoed Porter Gaston, 1. Jimmy Riley stopped Ace Parker, 1. George Homan flattened Charley Howard, 3 (twice), defeated Jerry McGee, 4. McGee was licked by Lew Perez, 6. Joey Gambaro defeated Johnny Williams, 6. Eddie Allen decisioned Freddie James, 6. Savey Canadeo whipped Johnny Varzcy, 6, Gene Gudgill, 6, drew with Berry Wright, 6. Vic Belanger stopped Joey Robinson, 2.

Larry Villenueve knocked out Everett Ladd, 4, Jack Desautels, 3. Alfie Harrig stopped Frank Pellitieri, 4. Harold Alle decisioned Charley Marshall, 4. Benny Black drew with Dub Bowen, 4, then lost to Elmer Lewis, 4; Lewis defeated Johnny Lopez, 4, kayoed Eddie Ryan, 1.

Tommy Gargano finished even with Jimmy Mills, 6, then stopped Kenny Reid, 2; Mills kayoed Jimmy Mason, 3; Milton Skyers was kayoed by Tommy Gargano, 1. Joey DeJohn whipped Jimmy Davis, 6 (twice); Davis stopped Mal Denbroeder, 6; DeJohn drew with Jimmy Mills, 4. Hockey Bennell defeated Jimmy Dundee, 13, Stan Wilkes, 12. Len Fay whipped Joe Coles, 8.

Max Brander stopped Doug Wilson, 3, whipped Ian Murray, 4; Doug Wilson beat Maurice Weiss, 4. Tommy Hunter won on a foul over Ron Warner, 4. Bill Fehring knocked out Cliff Gilmore, 6. Al Moran licked Rush Milling, 12. Ray Dunn halted Dasher Dean, 2.

Jim Nichols knocked out Yikka Payne, 3. Gilbert Whiteside defeated Alonzo Williams, 4. Eddie Ryan drew with Larry Lehman, 4. Joe Conforto finished Tommy King, 1, licked Joe Nunez, 4. Charley Howley stopped Glenn Hall, 4, defeated Marvin Trulock, 6.

Georgie Williams licked Jimmy Snead, 6, Jiggs Donohue, 8. Doug Carter trounced Ruby Garcia, 6. Umberto Zavala, 8. Mayon Padlo knocked out Pat Patucci, 1. Johnny Fry stopped Billy Thompson, 2; Thompson stopped Hank Cisco, 2, Van Buskirk, 2. Jackie Ryan defeated Johnny Ricco, 6. Rocky Johnson knocked out George Holgan, 2.

Auriel Coutoure stopped Romario Almagro, 1. Ralph Zannelli caught up with Billy Tordiglione, scoring a knockout in the 10th and final round. Joe Falco whipped George Holden, 6, lost to Lee Jones, 6. Jimmy Briscoe defeated Rocky Jackson, 6, Charley Milan, 6. Archie Gibbons licked Connie Frizzee, 4.

Mike Cascio won from Johnny Mara, 6. Ken Conley stopped Billy Napper, 4. Robert Fowler defeated Jimmy Sherron, 6. Ken Alexander halted Billy Marsden, 7. Jimmy Jones stopped Jesus Garcia, 1.

Silas Green finished Sam Rice, 3, Clarence Garrett, 1, then was stopped by Sabas Jamito, 3. Al Calderon knocked out Jack Clark, 5. Al Franklin put away Eddie Moore, 2, defeated Bobby Winters, 6, stopped Charley Watkins, 3.

Vincent LaSalva outpointed Willie Gray, 6, Patsy Giordano, 8. Jim Kennedy knocked out Kenny Reid, 3, defeated Charley Howard, 4. Leon Kennedy licked Jerry McGee, 4, then lost to Irving Palefsky, 6. Sammy Daniels won a close one from Genaro Rojo, 10; Rojo came back to whip Hubert Samuels, 10.

Joe Curcio scored a sensational kayo over Rudy Giscombe, 8, whipped Buddy Bailey, 8. Bobby Snow defeated Pete Savageau, 6, lost to Jackie Maddox, 4. Bobby Winters stopped Jerome Pratt, 3. Bill Bailey defeated Walter Cunningham, 6, Sid Silas, 6.

Paul Blanks halted Panther Red, 5. Arthur (Kid) Ross drew with Sammy Cole, 4. Charley Early drew with Jimmy Williams, 4, licked Buddy DeMille, 4, then kayoed Jackie Cooper, 4. Walter LaMarr decisioned Jerome Pratt, 6, drew with Bernie Miller, 8.

Baby Gil Gonzales stopped Bobby Taylor, 1. Nick Moran scored a sensational knockout over Bobby Yeager, 1, then drew with the highly touted Johnny Thomas, 10. Buddy Jackson drew with Johnny Asay, 4, flattened Frankie Jordan, 2; Asay decisioned Billy Hurd, 4; Asay whipped Buddy Jackson, 4. Ice Cream Williams drew with Hugh Early, 4.

Gene Boulden knocked out Billy O'Leary, 2. Joe Gillis, no contest, 6. Pedro Jiminez defeated Harold Alle, 4. Chuck Hunter knocked out Henry Jordan, 2; Jordan stopped Eddie Moore, 3.

Baby Sims decisively licked Victor Jade, 8. Young Jocker stopped Len Fay, 8. Al Spencer defeated Mike Stankovich, 6. Frankie Ross whipped Ernie Kapps, 6 (twice), Al Pinnell, 6, kayoed Stanley Bailey, 4; Kapps defeated Lew Perez, 6.

Gene Gudgill halted Joshua Thompson, 4, Bishop Murphy, 2. Bobby Ramsay licked Dave Finn, 4, drew with Billy Stevens, 8. Ernie Roderick defeated Johnny Clements, 8. Dick Shields stopped Cyril Wills, 5, then lost to Cyril Gallie, 8, who also whipped Mick Gibbons, 8. Harry Davies licked Joe Hyman, 8. Robert Fowler drew with Jimmy Sherron, 8.

Johnny Potenti knocked out Roy Spencer, 2. Pedro Flores stopped Glenn Hall, 1. Tiger Fox flattened Lou Phillips, 4. Al Freda defeated Norman See, 8.

Morris Reif halted Mike DeStephano, 3. Maxie Berger licked Alex Doyle, 8. Benny Cartegena knocked out George Johnson, 4. Irving Palefsky defeated Gunnar Larson, 6, Leon Kennedy, 6. Freddie Archer flattened Baudelio Valencia, 3. Harold Jamaica Smith put away Jesse Moraney, Clem Fitzpatrick knocked out Sid Milton, 1. Sammy Cole defeated Johnny Marvel, 4. Benny Williams stopped Rocky Jackson, 2.

Johnny Ryan whipped Tom Collins, 6. Jimmy Isler halted Jimmy Taylor, 4. Bozo Constantino flattened Sam Carter, 3. Al Jolson defeated Paul Blanks, 10. Freddie Luce stopped Charlie Mason, 2.

Joey Sulick trounced Julio Gallucci, 6. Rudy Florio knocked out Nelson Thorpe, 5. Fernand Demers flattened Frankie Bernard, 2. Rajah Sabu won from Jackie Bruce, 6.

Charley Parham put away Arnold Deer, 4. Bob Ferris whipped Doll Nelson, 4. Chester Slider defeated Auriel Coutoure, 10. Morris Washburn drew with Pete Marabella, 4. Roy Maggio defeated Bill Ladner, 4. Howell Steen flattened Jack Patton, 6. Charley Pope halted Johnny Varcy, 3. Tito Despaigne drew with Don Lee, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Willie Joyce sprung quite an upset when he defeated Ike Williams, 10, and Williams trounced Lulu Costantino, 10. Juan Zurita knocked out welterweight Jerry Moore, 6. Cleo Shans stopped Carmine Fatta, 3. Johnny Thomas was held to a draw by Nick Moran, 10.

Andy Klinges defeated Charley Sabatelle, 10, Cueball Young, 8. Dusty Green stopped Joe Gurracino, 1, then was kayoed by Danny Polce, 1. Billy Bates flattened Danny Petro, 1. Arbie Bowie whipped Buddy Samarco, 6. Joe Faiello finished even with Honey Robinson, 6. Kid Tagg knocked out Ray Zaney, 1.

Dom Amoroso decisioned Victor Jade, 8, Al Guido, 10. Arturo Barron defeated Torpedo Reed, 6, lost to Julio Franco, 4. Bobby Jackson halted Bert White, 2, Paco Villa, 5, won from Abel Lucero, 6. Alvin Jordan whipped Mickey Austin, 4, A. C. Lee, 5. Billy James continued unbeaten in winning from Bill Jennings, 8. Cyril Maudsley stopped Ralph Moss, 4.

Dave Crowley won on a disqualification from Terry McStravick, 2. Billy Barton defeated Mick Gibbons, 8. Paul Reguejo knocked out Jimmy Lester, 5. Bobby LaLonde stopped Wade Ellison, 5. Vic Costa flattened Pete Martinez, 6, licked Milton Skyers, 6.

Roy Andrews decisioned Joe Griffo, 4; Griffo licked Sal Amoroso, 6. Andrews won from Orlando Ferrara, 6, Carl Olson, 8. Dusty Brown put away Maxie Starr, 5, then was kayoed by Danny Bartfield, 5. Georgie Larover stopped Jackie Connors, 7, then drew with Phil Palmer, 8; Palmer licked Julio Gallucci, 8. Johnny Ward flattened Mick Gibbons, 4 (broken arm).

Jeff Holloway trounced Frankie Gromada, 8; Gromada came back to lick Vic Jade, 8. Freddie Polowitzer licked Eddie O'Tash, 6, Joe Monty, 6. Rudolph Brooks whipped Joey Allen, 4. Ace Miller defeated Robert Fowler, 6, Johnny Bratton, 8. Al Salas beat Walter Halba, 4. Johnny Virgo knocked out Patsy Zoccano, 1.

Pete Virgin flattened Bobby Lewis, 5. Bobby Pooler trounced Al Wooster, 6; Wooster was stopped by Armand Michaud, 5. Charley Fusari knocked out Russell Richter, 7. Norman See stopped Pedro Carvalho, 4.

Sammy Mammone finished Pete Cappy, 4, lost to Tony Janiro, 8. Tony Forezzi flattened Abe Hoch, 2. Mike Delia won easily over Matt Oglesby, 10.

Major Jones stopped Mickey Austin, 2. Billy Smith knocked out Eddie Webb, 3. George Johnson flattened Jimmy Mason, 2; Mason stopped Jackie Savino, 3.

Pat Scanlon licked Al Mobley, 6, Johnny Cool, 10, then lost to Tommy Mills, 6; Mills knocked out Herbie Solomon, 4; Scanlon put away Ellsworth Simley, 3; Al Mobley won from Burl Charity, 6, George Johnson, 6. Jackie Savino finished Orlando Ferrara, 2. Ronnie Burns whipped Ellis Simley, 6. Paddy Boxall defeated Fishy Taylor, 12.

Kid Young decisioned Reg Tozer, 12. Jack Cope stopped Bill Denham, 4. Jack Bridges licked Les Barnett, Ted Ormond, five rounds each. Ray Kay defeated Ted Wainwright, 6. Bernard Docusen whipped Al Irwin, 6. Joe Celletti decisioned Joe Montiero, 6. Eddie Rice licked Kid Lewis, 4.

Tony Janiro turned the tables on Al Guido, 8, trounced Charley Watkins, 6. Sammy Mammone, 8. Billy O'Connor easily whipped Red Fees, 6, Talbert Anderson, 6. Fees flattened Pedro Flores, 2. Tommy Battles stopped Ray Smith, 2, defeated Talbert Anderson, 6. Eddie Giosa pulled an upset win over Maxie Shapiro, 8; Shapiro trounced Harry Teaney, 10.

Pvt. Rocky Major stopped Frankie Parramore, 4, Jimmy Adams, 1. Tito Despaigne knocked out Rene DeLeon, 7. Raul Zenit halted Freddie Taylor, 9, Eddie Hudson, 6. Johnny Williams licked Julio Gallucci, 6.

Pedro Firpo decisioned Young Beau Jack, 6, then lost to Eddie Giosa, 8. Leon Spencer stopped Joe Miller, 2, Bill Eddy, 2. Steve Vaccarelli was held to a draw by Baby Gonzales, 10, then whipped Guy Serean, 10. Benton Cobbins defeated Walter Halba, 4. Billy Stevens stopped Sid Fletcher, 5.

Joe Grant trounced Harry Roe, 12. George Pitt licked Bobby Rose, 5. Al Kimber knocked out Ron Heron, 9. Young Stoner whipped Snowy Roberts, 8. Billy James won a close one from Johnny Ledesma, 8.

Artie DePietro decisioned Nick Restano, 6. Eugene Burton fooled Philadelphia fight fans in knocking out the highly touted Billy Nixon, 3, then whipped Bobby Winters, 6. Frankie Rosen defeated Orlando Ferrara, 6. Umberto Zavala stopped Jerry Darby, 7; Zavala lost to Doug Carter, 8.

Sid Haber looked good in winning from Ray Cox, 6, Paul Midiri, 6. Jerry Zullo drew with Corky Davis, 10. Willie Beltram outpunched Herbie Solomon, 6, Leroy Saunders, 6. Steve Gallan whipped Tony Nelson, 4, kayoed Nelson, 2. Charley Watkins defeated Freddie Polowitzer, 6, Artie DePietro, 6. Johnny Fusco flattened Jimmy Bo, 2, drew with Pepper Hayes, 4.

Eddie Hudson of Maine licked Eddie Berry, 6. Leonard Caeser knocked out Joe Miller, 2. Julio Franco whipped Sonny Hill, 4; Hill beat Bucky O'Connor, 4. Bobby Jackson stopped Paco Villa, 5.

Eddie Marcus knocked out the highly touted Neva Esparza, 9. Bill Eddy won over Emmet Grier, 6. Bobby Waters drew with Rocky Major, 6. Lee Jones defeated Red Fees, 6.

Wesley Mouzon upset Dusty Brown, 8, Harry Diduck, 6, knocked out Johnny Cool, 1. Jimmy Lane stopped Joe Guarracino, 4. Tony Pellone licked Roy Andrews, 6. Vinnie Melito drew with Hubert Winfield, 4, defeated Billy Gould, 6; Gould drew with Al Bishop, 4. Ray Montiel halted Don Adams, 1.

George Ramsey defeated Jimmy Currie, 4. Young Wesley Ketchel stopped Ace Williams, 1, Jimmy Lester, 2. Dave Freeman knocked out Charley Sabatelle, 5. Charley (Ace) Howard defeated Hubert Winfield, 4, knocked out Henry Lord 3. Artie Shute defeated Ken Nelson, 10. Georgie Sands stopped Tom Mawes, 4.

Tommy Trottman licked Terry O'Toole, 6. Manuel Sierra halted Don Wixson, 6. Ray Salas made Mike Belloise retire from boxing when he kayoed the veteran in eight rounds. Pepper Hayes knocked out Al Noto, 4. Lou Bernal stopped Henry Zamora, 1, drew with Benny Black, 4.

Charley Smith knocked out Leo Methot, 1. Benny Singleton finished even with Young Tiger Flowers, 6, stopped Jean Barriere, 2. Russ Rega decisioned Willie Smith, 6. Jimmy McAllister stopped Julian Malavez, 7. Cpl. Dick Cook stopped

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Pete Louthis, Rhode Island.

Light-heavyweight — Jimmy Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.

Middleweight—Jesse Jenkins, New York, N. Y.

Welterweight — Georgie Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lightweight—Wesley Mouzon, Philadelphia, Pa.

Featherweight—Ray Morris, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bantamweight—Al Ellis, Detroit, Mich.

Flyweight—Augustine Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.

Joe Poindexter, 4, then licked Ray Glenn, 8.

Harry Grimes whipped Jackie Rankin, 8. Lionel Greber defeated Ralph Moss, 6. Tommy Loughran decisioned Billy Barton, 8.

Johnny Russell stopped Johnny Ward, 5, Jimmy Smith, 4. Gwyn Williams stopped Jock McKay, 1. Jimmy Burke won on a foul from Johnny Smith, 3. Eddie Davis defeated Kid Lewis, 6.

Ralph Walton stopped Bill Bailey, 2, Eddie Halligan, 1, defeated Johnny Mara, 10. Art (Honey) Robinson upset the highly favored Jack Walls, 6. Ralph Giffone eked out a win over Hubert Winfield, 4. Frankie Rubino returned to the wars to decision Mario Colon, 8. Jimmy Lein flattened Jimmy Garrett, 1.

Tommy Rotolo whipped Baby Gonzales, 10. Patsy Spataro knocked out Freddie Polowitzer, 4. Pedro Carvalho defeated Al Parent, 8. Melvin Bartholomew whipped Johnny Monroe, 6. Don Ponce finished even with Willie Candido, 4.

Frankie Fernandez halted Bill Jennings, 2. Joe Andary defeated Willie Kent, 4. Jimmy Rizzo drew with Steve Curley, 6. Archie Goodbee defeated Joe Monty, 6.

Frankie Lieberman stopped Bob Ingraham, 3. Henry Davis defeated Clyde English, 6. Matty Robinson was stopped by Ernie Guisti, 4, then stopped Walter Gomes, 2. Gunnar Larson defeated Joe Fernandez, 4, Pete Martin, 6, kayoed Hubert Winfield, 2, lost to Irving Palefsky, 6, Pete Martin, 4. Jackie Connolly knocked out Benny Saladino, 4. Jimmy Collins defeated Bob Jennings, 8. Pvt. Buddy Garcia licked Tommy Mills, 6. Juste Fontaine whipped Gene Spencer, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Willie Pep had a narrow escape in a non-title bout when he got up from the floor to decision Charley Cabey Lewis, 10, then won an easy duke from Pedro Hernandez, 10, whipped Chalky Wright, 10. Danny Webb-Kid Tanner declared no-contest in four rounds. The following day Webb licked Tommy McGlinchey, 8. Phil Terranova soundly whipped Harry Jeffra, but received a draw for his efforts in ten rounds. Phil licked Charley Noel, 10. Carlos Chavez defeated Angel Aviles, 10. Charley Cabey Lewis halted Gene Gregory, 1.

Nicky Quack whipped Pete Bolos, 6. Eddie Silva knocked out Louis Renai, 2. Placidio Torres whipped Johnny Perry, 4. Willie Candido decisioned Bobby Wright, 4. Bert Jackson stopped George Pook, 3, licked Tommy Davies, 8.

P. O. Ben Duffy halted Hal Cartwright, 8, whipped Dave Crowley, 8, Jimmy Brady, 10. Georgie Cooper's bout with Jerry Darby was ruled no-contest, 5; fought hectic draw with Johnny Juliano, 8. Sal Amoroso knocked out Tippy Morgan, 2, Ralph Nieves, 3, licked Henry Lord, 4, halted Earl Mintz, 2. Sal Scilabra defeated Lou Prince, 4 (twice).

Bobby Polowitzer licked Red Mills, 4; Mills stopped Benny Revere, 1, then kayoed Benny Revere, 2; Polowitzer stopped Benny Revere, 2, Red Mills, 3, Toppy Tim, 2. Dan O'Connor drew with Tommy Graham, 4; Graham whipped Sammy Scully, 4. Jackie Graves decisioned Leroy Jackson, 6, flattened Mike Gravino, 4, defeated Stanley Novak, 8; Jackson kayoed Lou Dell, 4. Clyde English finished on even terms with Mario Colon, 8, then lost to Johnny Juliano, 6. Jean Barriere licked Pat Demers, 10, Oscar St. Pierre, 10.

Ralph Lara decisioned Pee Wee Lewis, 6. Henry Zamora stopped Johnny Gonzales, 2. George DeGidio licked Angelo Gomez, 6, kayoed Jesse Salazar, 3, Battling Orasco, 2. Charley Riley knocked out Eddie Scott, 2.

Clint Miller whipped Rocky Progano, 6 (twice); Rocky beat Pat Scanlon, 10. Jack Hiles defeated Bill Torrance, 10. Les Berry stopped Terry Gale, 4, drew with Mick Williams, 5. Norm Peers drew with Jack Josephs, 4. Jackie Wilson defeated Bernie Dunn, 10. Jimmy Allen drew with Willie Alexander, 6.

Young Lee Q. Murray whipped Jimmy Jerico, 6. Danny Simmons licked Sid Knight, 12. Les Fuller proved too good for Billy Alexander, 12. Eddie Miller stopped Archie Rash, 4. Ken Goddard whipped Peter Higgins, 6. Tommy Pauley defeated Ray Alvax, 6.

Lou Williams won from Eddie Bertolino, 4. Pat Leon drew with Ray Smith, 4. Willie Alexander whipped Jimmy Allen, 6. Eddie Reardon finished even with Al Rodriguez, 4. Vic Young defeated Al Rodriguez, 4. Ray Morris knocked out Curley St. Angelo, then was stopped by Bobby Smith, 8.

Ted Christie stopped Chief Red Cloud, 4. Kid Gallagher defeated Pat O'Connor, 8. Mel Ivy whipped Al Stewart, 4. Gus Rosa defeated John Perry, 4.

Freddie Russo trounced Pete Virgin, 8, stopped Clyde English, 1, Willie Walker, 1. Gus Mell upset the applecart in winning from Al Pennino, 6; Pennino trounced Young Tony, 6. Mike Konnors won a close one from Rocky Progano, 6, kayoed Ellsworth Simley, 5.

Lloyd Hudson decisioned Lee Methot, 8, kayoed Lucky Johnson, 2. Nick Stato knocked out Benny Revere, 1, Al Zippo, 3. Bud Christman decisioned Billy Gibson, 6. Jock Leslie whipped Young Tony, 6, halted Marcel Fournier, 1. Anicito Madrid licked Pee Wee Swingler, 4. Fidel Aguilar decisioned Stanley Jamison, 4.

Frank Asuncion stopped Gus Rosa, 2. Bob English defeated Frankie Rose, 6. Norman Hi Ho Silver stopped Henry Kid Briere, 2. Al Starling licked Johnny Beaton, 6. Augie Lapara drew with Lew Williams, 6, drew with Jackie Allen, 6. Maxie Docusen defeated Ray Smith, 4 (twice). Tommy Chapman stopped Alan Hall, 9. Bill Alexander halted Bluey Paxton, 9. Jack Hiles knocked out Alan Hammond, 5. Marion Rhoeten defeated welterweight Walter Halba, 4. Leonardo Marquez won from Tony Mendez, 4.

Tommy Smith licked Bobby Hinds, 8. Lou Alter decisioned Florian Bibeau, 10. Jose Casablanca knocked out Lindy Miller, 1. Midget Mayo stopped Johnny Beaton, 4. Eddie Compo flattened Bill Commodore, 1. Bert White whipped Angel Lopez, 6. Tony Ferry drew with Blond Tiger, 8. Frankie Parramore licked George Henry, 6. Tommy Moore stopped Al Sforza, 1.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Manuel Ortiz came from behind to stop Luis Castillo, 9 (title), then whipped Lorenzo Safora, 10 (non-title). Frankie Jayne defeated Willie Alexander, 8. Ray Smith whipped Johnny Nealon, 4. Tony Coco decisioned Jimmy Allen, 6. Willie Alexander, 6. Danny Russell, 6. Joe (Sandy) Saddler licked Manuel Torres, 6, kayoed Ken Thompkins, 1, kayoed Manuel Torres, 5, Percy Lewis, 1. Jose Andre stopped George Theius, 4.

Mickey Colbert whipped Tommy Plowright, 8. Trini Ortiz flattened Tippy Larson, 2. George Watts defeated Billy Roberts, 4. Al Ellis stopped Chuck Ackworth, 2.

Benny May flattened Tippy Morgan, 3. Jack Fergus stopped Al Brown, 2. Billy Williams halted Leo Jaggs, 4. Joey Puig stopped Young Lee Q. Murray, 2. Jim Brady whipped Tommy Davies, 8, then lost to P. O. Ben Duffy, 10. George Thomas won on a disqualification from Mickey Colbert, 4.

FLYWEIGHTS

Bunty Doran licked Hugh Cameron, 10. Peter Fallon decisioned Frank Skyrome, 8, knocked out Reg James, 5, Johnny Regan, 4. Sammy Reynolds took care of Joe Curran, 8; Curran beat Hugh Cameron, 10; Reynolds defeated Tommy Plowright, 8, lost to George Parkes, 8.

George Parkes drew with Alex Murphy, 8. Young Morrison drew with Perc Lacy, 4. Valentine Garcia knocked out Tippy Larson, 2; Garcia was stopped by Benny Cousins, 2.

Cecil Schoonmaker defeated Joe Blair, 6 (twice). Bluey McGrath whipped Young Brooks, 4, Augustine Rodriguez defeated Joe Rivers, 4, Mickey Romo, 4. Dado Marino, after being floored four times, came back to score a knockout over Eddie Silva in the fourth round. Bobby Scanlon drew with Benny May, 4.

The Ring's Honor Roll

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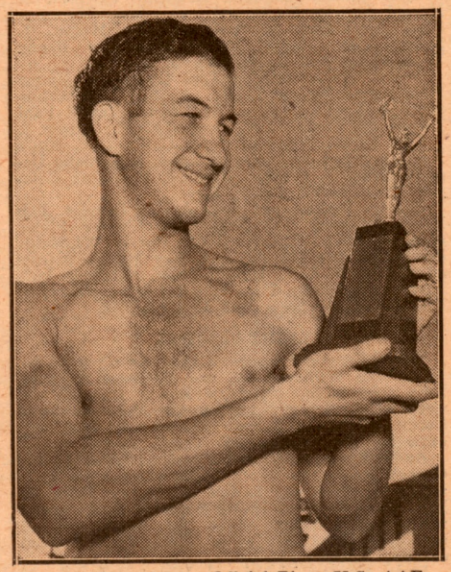
star from Oregon University; Bill Cohan, one time pro boxer from California, now rated one of the Navy's leading Commando experts; Leroy Skinner, judo instructor, famed 200 pound wrestling and football star of Oklahoma University and Cal Boyer, Commando instructor, known for his football prowess at Southern California.

This quintet of rough and tough artists has been headlined in shows for the Navy and Bond Drives throughout the country.

Bill Cohan did well as a pro fighter. His last contest prior to joining the armed forces was in 1942 in California. He thinks that the Navy's Fighting Seabees constitute the greatest aggregation of tough hombres ever gathered for a fighting outfit by Uncle Sam.



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Pvt. Irwin Donenfeld of New York, outstanding contestant at Keesler Field bouts.

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TRIGGER McPHAIL

DETROIT has a boy in the service who, if reports from those who have seen him in action are to be credited, should make good in professional boxing when he gets home. His name is Trigger McPhail. He scored three one-round kayoes in one week.

Trigger had planned to retire in 1942 when he joined the colors, but his love for boxing got the better of him after he was sent overseas and he has resumed the fistic sport. He is better known in Detroit and Canadian rings as "Young Dempsey." He is an aggressive, scrappy fighter, and is managed by Johnny McIntire of Detroit.

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JOHN L. FITZGERALD 1/c, U.S.N.

THIS lad is a comparative novice to boxing, but in his first ring showing lived up to the expectations of his shipmates. He fought a Mexican named Veramonties, a veteran of about fifty bouts, in a tournament in Texas at a United States Naval Air Station. He lost a close decision.

"Fitz" as his shipmates call him, had never seen a real boxing match in his life or even had a lesson until the day he asked "Bull" Halvorsen, who fought as Steve Holjack, to teach him a few pointers. "Fitz" had only two months of training when he fought his first fight and everyone thought he would be a K.O. victim, but he showed his class.

He is being nursed along carefully by Halvorsen who sends him training instructions by mail, now that Bull has been transferred.

Fitzgerald is of Spanish-Irish descent. He comes from San Francisco and was born there on April 10, 1926. Attending high school he won his letters in several sports. His present weight is 145. He stands 5:9½. He is a good prospect.

Stories About Marines

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Richard R. Galvin, 150 pounds, of San Antonio, Texas.

Marine Private First Class Edward A. Rex, also 150 pounds, of Lincoln Way West, Ligonier, Ind.

Marine Sergeant Richard Smith, 140 pounds, of Civelo, Calif.

Marine Corporal George R. Van Stan, 134 pounds, of 615 Madison Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

Marine Private First Class Edward W. Genow, 124 pounds, of 105 Bay City, Mich.

Army Private First Class Harley R. Thume, 180 pounds, of 1654 West Onondaga, Syracuse, N. Y.

Army Private William J. Justice, 148 pounds, of 4302 Aspen Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES
By NAT FRANK

FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO has risen to the rank of the number one fight manager around this section. Unknown in fistic circles but a few years back, this popular mentor of fist slingers has made a sudden rush to the top in the managerial field and today boasts of the largest and most sought after stable of glove gladiators in this vicinity.

He has "top men," or windup specialists in goodly number and he has fistmen, who are capable of strengthening any major card. Hardly a fight show goes out without at least a pair of Palermo punchers on the clouting card. He has the warriors and the promoters are well aware of it. Furthermore, a gloveman with the Palermo managerial handle is enough of a recommendation.

Gus Dorazio, the hardy heavyweight, who is fighting to keep himself in the pugilistic spotlight, still is in wide demand to exchange haymakers with the elite the nation over.

Billy Fox, the man who has knocked out everyone of his 33 opponents, is the real batting titleholder of boxing. Only a heavy middleweight, the biffing Billy is rapidly putting on weight and it wouldn't be surprising to see him enter the heavyweight field ere another twelve months roll by.

Mayon Padlo, terrific swatting welterweight; Parson Bob Jacobs, classy and hard-hitting light-heavyweight; Jimmy Gardner, heavyweight star, with Jimmy Smith, middleweight prospect, Earl Trader, featherweight comer, and about a dozen and one other lesser lights, including his recent acquisition, the highly sensational Archie Wilmer, Wilmington Walloper, who recently lost a hair-line split decision to Lulu Costantino, comprise the banner stable in these parts.

Wilmer is the chap who bears watching. He seems to have everything—boxing ability, hitting power, youth, gameness and a good head.

Hats off to Bob LaGuardia, a member of Uncle Sam's fighting forces, who is back in the States after spending the better half of two years in the South Pacific. Bob, in case you readers have forgotten, is the true manager of Billy Arnold, the belting welterweight, who is undefeated in fistic warfare. Arnold was turned over to Dr. Michael Primaino to handle the pugilistic destinies of the Benjamin Franklin High School phenom, while he, LaGuardia, was busily engaged in the more serious art of attempting to put the finisher on Tojo and Company of cutthroats.

Recent results follow:

At Herman Taylor's Arena—Willie Joyce, 136, of Gary, won a split decision over Ike Williams, 134¾, of Trenton, in ten rounds; Dusty Brown, 137, of Philadelphia, halted Maxie Starr, 139½, of Baltimore, in five rounds; Billy Furrone, 144, of Philadelphia, decisioned Joe Matone, 149, of New York, in eight rounds; Bert Lytell, 155, of California, won from Ossie Stewart, 155, of Philadelphia, in eight rounds; Frank Sweeney, 162, of Washington, knocked out Carl Blackman, 155, of Philadelphia, in six rounds.

At Herman Taylor's Arena—Billy Arnold, 143, of Philadelphia, knocked out Mayon Padlo, 144½, of Philadelphia, in three rounds; Parson Bob Jacobs, 172½, of Philadelphia, won from Charley Eagle, 177½, of Waterbury, in eight rounds; Dave Freeman, 140, of Philadelphia, knocked out Charley Sabatelli, 145, of Scranton, in eight rounds; Bernie Miller, 142, of New York, and Walter LaMarr, 148, of Philadelphia, drew in eight rounds; Lee Jones, 140, of Philadelphia, won from Joe Falco, 145, of Philadelphia, in six rounds.

At Jimmy Toppi's Olympia—Billy Nixon, 147½, of Philadelphia, beat Frank Wills, 153, of Washington, in eight rounds; LaRue Smith, 160, of Philadelphia, knocked out Billy Perry, 163, of Philadelphia, in two rounds; Willie Alexander, 121, of Chester, beat Jimmy Allen, 125, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Charley Howley, 145, of Chester, knocked out Glenn Hall, 147½, of Philadelphia, in four rounds; Rocky Major, 135, of Philadelphia, halted Frank Parrimore, 130½, of Chester, in four rounds.

At Jimmy Toppi's Met—Johnny Carter, 160, of Philadelphia, knocked out Van McNutt, 156½, of New York, in six rounds; Ray Morris, 121½, of Wilmington, knocked out Curley St. Angelo, 126½, of New York, in five rounds; Gene Burton, 140½, of Scranton, knocked out Billy Nixon, 148½, of Philadelphia, in three rounds; Joe Falco, 148, of Philadelphia, beat George Holden, 149, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Al Franklin, 145¼, of Washington, D. C., knocked out Eddie Moore, 149, of Newark, in two rounds.

At Jimmy Toppi's Olympia—Billy Nixon, 147, knocked out Eddie Allen, 144, of Philadelphia, in one round; Russ Rega, 135, of Philadelphia, beat Willie Smith, 136, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Tony Cocco, 119½, of Philadelphia, beat Willie Alexander, 121, in six rounds; Bill Perry, 162½, of Philadelphia, knocked out Valee Rudi, 169, of Philadelphia, in one round; Pedro Flores, 148, of Philadelphia, knocked out Glenn Hall, 148, of Philadelphia, in one round.

At Joe Wenke's Cambria—Lee Q. Murray, 119, of Philadelphia, beat Johnny Wolgast, 118, of Philadelphia, in eight rounds; Danny Devlin, 170, of Allentown, beat Ross Strickland, 168, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Frank Lamont, 138, of Philadelphia, beat Johnny Fry, 137, of Chester, in six rounds; Buddy Freeman, 136, of Philadelphia, decisioned Dick Thomas, 140, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Frankie Parrimore, 135, of Chester, knocked out Joe Gans, 134, of Philadelphia, in three rounds.

At Joe Wenke's Club—Mayon Padlo, 146, of Philadelphia, knocked out Pat Patucci, 145, of Philadelphia, in one round; Frankie Sweeney, 161½, of Washington, knocked out Clarence Smith, 160, of Philadelphia, in three rounds; Pancho Namee, 158½, of Philadelphia, knocked out Stanley Lewis, 163, of Philadelphia, in two rounds; Johnny Fry, 145, of Chester, knocked out Billy Thompson, 148, of Philadelphia, in two rounds; Jimmy Smith, 178, of Philadelphia, knocked out Howard Berger, 178, of Philadelphia, in five rounds.

At Joe Wenke's Club—Georgie Williams, 154, of New York, beat Jiggs Donahue, 152, of Philadelphia, in eight rounds; Walter LaMarr, 146½, of Philadelphia, decisioned Jerome Pratt, 154, of Baltimore, in six rounds; Jimmy Smith, 176, of Philadelphia, won from Nat Haines, 185, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Bill Thompson, 150, of Philadelphia, knocked out Hank Cisco, 145½, of Norristown, in two rounds; Jimmy Lane, 141½, of Philadelphia, knocked out Joe Guarracino, 140½, of Philadelphia, in five rounds.

At Joe Wenke's Cambria—Joey Puig, 120¼, of New York, knocked out Lee Q. Murray, 124, of Baltimore, in two rounds; Billy O'Connor, 136, of Philadelphia, won from Talbert Anderson, 133½, of Philadelphia, in six rounds; Leon Szymurski, 172, of Philadelphia, beat Billy Jones, 175, of Allentown, in six rounds; Billy Thompson, 153½, of Philadelphia, knocked out Van Bushirk, 154, of New York, in two rounds; Howard Berger, 176, of Philadelphia, knocked out Maynard Jones, 173, of Philadelphia, in five rounds.

WITH THE OLD-TIMERS—Eddie Cavanaugh, bantamweight contender around the turn of the century, is employed with the U. S. Mint . . . . Eddie's pal, Jimmy Carrigan, was counted out by the Great Referee after an extended illness . . . . Mike Kelly is recuperating at the Northington General Hospital in Alabama from injuries suffered during the invasion of France . . . . With Mike are Tony Karsich, Astoria, N. Y., the 1929 state lightweight champion, and Arthur Leardi, Paterson, N. J., the national 118-pound weightlifting kingpin . . . . Karsich and Leardi are sergeants and Kelly is a first class private.

Philadelphia's No. 1 fight fan, Jack Callahan, is vacationing in Florida . . . . Lew Tendler is a familiar figure on Broad Street again after undergoing a rather serious operation . . . . Lou Bader disposed of his central city hostelry in favor of the night club business . . . . Walter (Kid) Harpt is home on leave with campaign bars from every war theatre . . . . Walt has served in the Atlantic, Pacific, Mediterranean and Middle East war zones . . . . Harry (Kid) Decker was recently promoted to lieutenant in the Bureau of Fire, while Georgie Walker retired after 30 years' continuous service with this department . . . . Larry Ryan is seriously ill at his home . . . . Sammy Wilson conducts a newsstand in Bethlehem, Pa., and still tips the Fairbanks at the lightweight limit.

Jackie Clarke is back in Fall River, Mass., supervising recreational facilities for the city . . . . Southpaw Gene Gallotto is home on a 30-day furlough from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he spent the last two years teaching doughboys the manly art of self-defense . . . . Gene claims he has the next world's heavyweight champion under his wing and hopes to show him in local fight clubs as soon as Goebbels throws in the sponge . . . . Kid Haney is employed with the Quartermaster Department.

Johnny Sheppard is back in the coal mines in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. . . . . Irish Chick Rogers is a successful salesman in the Pittsburgh area . . . . Fritz McBride is a rivet tester at the Sun Shipbuilding Corporation in Chester . . . . Sportscaster Stoney McLinn is seriously ill in the John Price Hospital . . . . Jimmy (Kid) Herman operates a tonsorial parlor in the central city district . . . . Wilmington Jack Daly, last of the bare-knuckle gladiators in this district, is still hale and hearty enough to hold down a seven-day-a-week job in a war industry . . . . Johnny Dutko, middleweight A.E.F. title holder during World War I, is a skilled iron-worker and plies his trade in every state in the Union . . . . Johnny is in Pawtucket, R. I., at the present time . . . . Jerome Quigley is ailing . . . . He's a replica of the twenty-round era.

IN THE NEW JERSEY CORNER
By HARRY MANSBACH

FERNANDO MENICHELLI, latest "wild bull" from Argentina, made a successful United States debut in the same ring where Luis Angel Firpo started twenty-two years ago, Newark's Laurel Garden. Menichelli won a 10-round decision over Laurient Bouchard of Montreal before 4000 fans. Menichelli, although so "wild" that he missed almost as many punches as he landed, gave his taller and heavier opponent such a battering that Bouchard was floored once in the tenth and was on the verge of a knockout when the final bell sounded. Menichelli, who stands scarcely six feet, weighed 199, and his opponent, 204.

Freddie Hermann, popular Elizabeth featherweight, who became an Army paratrooper, was captured by the enemy in France, according to a War Department telegram received by his mother. Hermann was wounded in action D-Day and was hospitalized three months, and returned to duty.

Maxie Berger of Montreal had an easy time outpointing Alex Doyle of Garfield in the eight-round main bout at Trenton Arena. Berger, who weighed 147, two pounds more than Doyle, won every round on Referee Coplan's card. There were no knockdowns. Henry Jordan, 146, Philadelphia, subbing for Steve Riggio of New York, punched out a technical knockout over Eddie Moore, 152, of Newark, in 2:10 of the third round of another scheduled eight. Two scheduled six-round bouts also resulted in T.K.O.'s, with Corp. Jim Foster, 200, of Fort Dix, halting Joe Thomas, 191, of New York, in the second, and Al Franklin, 146, of Washington, stopping Charley Watkins, 141, of Cleveland, in the third.

Allie Stolz now is manager and part owner of a men's clothing store in Newark. . . . Warrant Officer Allie Wolfe, former local boxer, is in England. . . . Tippy Larkin is ready to resume boxing. . . . Buster Hardy, former state amateur champion and a good pro, has been discharged from the Army.

Joe Curcio, 150, Newark, outpointed Buddy Bailey, 147, Long Island, in the eight-rounder featuring the opening of Riviera Park Boxing Club in Belleville. Curcio won every round on the referee's scorecard except the seventh. Joie Paganelli, 160, Belleville, outpointed Vic Chambers, 160, Newark, in a six-round opener. Clint Miller, 126, Elizabeth, decisioned Rocky Progano, 134, Stamford, Conn., in another six. Vinnie Melito, 133, New York, outpointed Billy Gould, 140, Newark, in four. Johnny Juliano, 129, Paterson, and Speedy Cooper, 129, New York, drew in six.

This writer has compiled a complete listing of all New Jersey promoters, matchmakers, fight clubs, wrestling clubs, and their addresses and locations. Send twenty-five cents in coin or stamps and self-addressed envelope for list to Harry Mansbach, 37 Arlington Street, Newark, N. J. Boxers who are willing to show around Jersey and metropolitan New York and have no managerial ties, can contact same address. Inclose self-addressed stamped envelope and boxing record.

Teddy Randolph, 177, New York, shaded Georgie Parks, 185, Washington, D. C., in the 10-round Laurel Garden feature. Referee Paul Cavalier gave Randolph five rounds, Parks four and one even. Joe Blair, 114, New York, floored twice, was outpointed by Cecil Schoonmaker, 107, New York, in six. Artie DePetro, 140, New York, decisioned Nick Restano, 143, Newark, in six. Jesse Jenkins, 156, New York, kayoed Joe Bolden, 153, Newark, in the third round of a scheduled four. In another Sal Amoroso, 129, New York, stopped Ralph Nieves, 132, Puerto Rico, in the third.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

THIS is the time of the year that we RING scribes climb out on a limb with our Annual Ratings. It has always been a tough job to rate boxers so that such rating pleases most of the managers. It is doubly hard for this writer this year because of the inactivity of many of our better fighters, the "frozen" status of the boxers in the Service, the many upsets, quick knockouts, reversal of form, etc. Therefore, because of the many angles to be taken in consideration in rating our California boxers this year, I am adding a brief footnote to my choice of each division, which I hope will appease some of the readers who might feel that their favorite has not been accorded due consideration.

And please keep in mind that only those who have been boxing in this state for six months (those eligible to compete for state title) are listed in this rating, and that California boxers who have not fought in this state during the year are omitted.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

1—Elmer Ray	6—Rusty Payne
2—Turkey Thompson	7—Harold Blackshear
3—Perk Daniels	8—J. D. Turner
4—Al Jordan	9—Bob Smith
5—Buddy Millard	10—Johnny Haynes

Al Hart, now in the Service and stationed out here, would be high up in this list except for the fact that his first bout in California was less than three months ago. Among the lesser lights who fall short of making the "first ten" are Newsboy Millich, Al Ware, Gene Felton, Tim Heffernan, Paul Hartnek and Joe Mack.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

1—Watson Jones	6—Jack Coggins
2—Fitzie Fitzpatrick	7—Billy Smith
3—Archie Moore	8—Battling Monroe
4—Costello Cruz	9—Louie Wise
5—Red Nibert	10—Tommy Garland

There is little to choose between Jones and Fitzpatrick, as such punchers are apt to K.O. each other at any time, but, as the fight in which Watson stopped Fitzie was billed as for the state title, the top spot goes to Jones. However, if Moore had not shown signs of slipping in recent fights, I would not hesitate to rate him the "number one" man.

Neither Nibert or Coggins have fought in the past six months, but this was probably because of their suspension by the Commission, so I am rating them just as I would if they had been active.

Among those nosed out of the above list are Acey Haynesworth, Al Laboa, Willie Johnson, Silent Escobar, John Donnelly and Jerry Goldberg.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

1—Charley Burley	6—Kenny LaSalle
2—Jack Chase	7—Paulie Peters
3—Aaron (Tiger) Wade	8—Paul Lewis
4—Leon Zorrita	9—Vincent Villavicencio
5—Kenny Watkins	10—Roy Miller

Ceferino Garcia has resumed boxing, but his present rating is uncertain. To date, he has done nothing to rate him over any of the above men.

Among others to be considered when this list was made up were Frankie Angustain, Roman Starr, LaRoy Wade, Eddie Halligan, Billy McCoy, Charlie Catos.

WELTERWEIGHTS

1—Freddie Dixon	6—Lige Drew
2—Henry Armstrong	7—Sheik Rangel
3—Cecil Hudson	8—Jerry Moore
4—Jimmy McDaniels	9—Neva Esparza
5—Jimmy Doyle	10—Nick Moran

Probably either Tito Despaigne or Genero Rojo could win over two or three of those listed above; at any rate, they are of about equal ability with a couple of those given preference. Many boxers had to be considered in rating this division, among them Jackie Ryan, Ross Romero, Al Coutoure, Chester Slider, Tommy Egan, Terry Gibson and Don Lee.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

1—Juan Zurita	6—Eddie Marcus
2—John Thomas	7—Matt Oglesby
3—Willie Joyce	8—Lupe Gonzales
4—Mike Delia	9—Eddie Hudson
5—Bobby Yeager	10—Ace Miller

Being inactive is the only reason for the names of Ray Lunny and Verne Bybee being omitted from the above list. Ray Salas barely missed the distinction, and the names of Bobby Jackson and Vic Grupico had to be repeatedly checked before the final list was made up.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

1—Carlos Chavez	6—Eli Golindo
2—Enrique Bolanos	7—Bert White
3—Baby Gonzales	8—Bud Christman
4—Filio Prado	9—Ralph Lara
5—Joe Robleto	10—Pee Wee Lewis

BANTAMWEIGHTS

1—Manuel Ortiz	6—Jorge Robles
2—Luis Castillo	7—Ceferino Robleto
3—Tony Olivera	8—Elwood Romero
4—Ernesto Aguilar	9—Gregorio Escolona
5—Lorenzo Safora	10—Kuko Ortiz

FLYWEIGHTS

There are no flyweights worthy of rating. Ceferino Robleto, listed among the bantams, is capable of making the weight and could easily beat any 112-pounder in the state, if the occasion called for it.

Manuel Ortiz successfully defended his bantam title for the twelfth time and against one of his most worthy challengers, when he stopped Luis Castillo of Mexico in the ninth round at the Los Angeles Olympic. And if there were any doubts as to whether Ortiz was a real champion or not, they were dispelled in the second round when he was knocked reeling into the ropes, battered dizzy for a full minute and put on the canvas for an instant. When Ortiz went back to his corner at the end of the second heat, it appeared that the bantam title was to change hands.

The fans were hysterical during that thrill-packed second round and the nerve tension of that crowd was terrific as the gong sounded for the third. The fans saw only a slender little man with a badly damaged optic come out from Ortiz's corner, but stored up in that little body was the heart of a lion and the fighting spirit of a bull terrier. They met in the center of the ring and fought furiously for the full three minutes, each trying hard for a knockout. The fourth and fifth were also bitterly contested, in which both were shaken up by heavy punches, but Ortiz had a bit the better of the fast exchanges and Castillo began to show the wear and tear of the hard fighting.

From there on it was all Ortiz. Manuel backed Luis all over the ring, shook the challenger up repeatedly with left hooks to the head, buckled Castillo's knees with a right under the heart, and beat Castillo to the floor for a one-count just before the bell. The fight had become one-sided. Castillo had little left during the seventh and eighth heats, and Ortiz methodically cut him down to nothing. Referee Benny Whitman checked with Castillo's corner at the end of the eighth, but the little Mexican Hercules insisted on continuing the fight.

The challenger was a pathetic sight as he came out for the ninth, his left eye almost closed and his face puffed and bleeding. When the champion dropped Luis with a right uppercut to the jaw shortly after, the bout was stopped. Ortiz weighed 117½; Castillo, 117. Inclement weather kept the crowd to about 8000 fans.

In supporting bouts, Willie Johnson, 169, Los Angeles, outroughed Herman Graves, 172, El Centro, in six; Buddy DeMille, 151, bested Doll Nelson, 150, in four; Billy Reed, 187, chilled Russell Jones, 191, in the second; Elmer Lewis, 145, defeated Benny Black, 145, in four; Al Williams, 160, and Alonzo Williams, 152, fought a draw in the opener.

Rusty Payne, 186, San Diego Negro, pounded out a win over Nolan Sharp, 184, Negro gamester of Los Angeles, in their ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Sharp, not long out of the amateurs, surprised by his willingness to swap punches with the hard-hitting San Diegoan. The rugged Negroes fought fast and hard for four rounds, during which Payne had a bit the better of it. They slowed up in the fifth, but tore into it again in the sixth, in which round Sharp hurt Payne with a solid right to the jaw, but Nolan retaliated with a body beating. Rusty rocked Sharp with an uppercut and then almost finished him with a hard right to the body. The action slowed up again in the eighth and ninth rounds, but both turned on the heat in the final frame, which Rusty copped to give him seven of the ten rounds.

In other bouts, Titus Hawkins, San Diego, iced Nat Gibson, 161, Los Angeles, in the third; Bert White, Chicago featherweight, decisioned Angel Lopez, Tia Juana, in six; Art O'Dowd, San Diego, defeated Joe Corona, Tia Juana, in four; Jimmy Fox, San Diego, K.O.'ed Levi Board, Los Angeles, in the first.

Judging by the manner in which Al Hart, Washington, D. C., disposed of Harold Blackshear of Oakland in their clash at the Los Angeles Olympic, Hart's quickie over Turkey Thompson doesn't appear as incredible as before. Not that Blackshear rates along with Turkey or any of the better heavies, but the Oakland Negro is no pushover. It was the manner in which Hart did it that made the big Negro athlete stand out.

The big fellows had sparred for only a few seconds when Hart nailed Blackshear flush on the button with a right that put him flat on his back. Harold, wobbly-legged and bleary-eyed, regained his feet at the count of seven, but another right to the jaw put him back in the resin for a nine-count. Moving in for the kill, Hart knocked the Oaklander into the ropes with another right to the head and then belabored him with both fists until Blackshear sank to the canvas for the third time, at which point Referee Abe Roth waved the Eastern heavy to his corner. Hart weighed 220; Blackshear, 205.

In the semi, Bobby Jackson, 130, continued his winning ways by knocking out Paco Villa, 131, Mexico, in the sixth and final round. The granite-jawed Mexican weathered Jackson's bombardment to the head, but couldn't last it out when Bobby switched to a body attack.

Other results: Augie Rodriguez, 113, decisioned Joe Rivers, 119 (4); Hector McDonald, 152, iced Jorge Rodriguez, 140 (2); Fidel Aguilar, 127, decisioned Stanley Jamison, 128 (4); Julio Franco, 137, defeated Sonny Hill, 136 (4).

Leon Zorrita isn't as young as he used to be and he has not been very active in recent years, but the Los Angeles Negro veteran is still too good for most of the youngsters we have around these days. Zorrita again proved this by defeating the rough and rugged Roy Miller of Kansas City in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. It was a fast and hard-fought contest all the way, but Leon was too smart for the former Golden Gloves champ.

In the prelims, Jack Butler, 171, and Frankie Valdez, 165, drew in four; Elmer Lewis, 144, flattened Bobby Taylor, 142, in two; Benny Black, 144, eliminated Eddie Ryan, 147, in the first (poor Eddie, this is always happening to him); Bob Hawkins, 161, decisioned Sidney Franklin, 156, in four; Tony Mendez, 129, stopped Pedro Ramirez, 131, in two (was Tony surprised!).

Mike Delia proved his superiority over Matt Oglesby in their return bout at the Hollywood Stadium by winning the decision over the Negro scrapper in spite of a badly cut forehead, received from a butt in the second round. The retake was not as thrilling as their draw battle a few weeks previous, although it was a good, fast fight.

Delia forced the milling throughout, keeping Oglesby busy defending himself. Mike was particularly effective when in close quarters, where he shot in punches fast and often. Matt did well in spots when he forced the issue and got Delia to slug with him, but there were too many minutes during the contest when Oglesby failed to do any offensive fighting. Although both are heavy hitters, there were no knockdowns, but each was rocked to his heels on a number of occasions. Delia, who scaled 134, was credited with six of the rounds. Oglesby weighed 136.

Ralph Lara, 128, Pasadena, punched out a win over Pee Wee Lewis, 124, Baltimore Negro, in the six-round semi-windup.

Other results: Dub Bowen, 138, and Benny Black, 141, drew (4); Henry Zamora, 132, won by T.K.O. over Johnny Gonzales, 131 (2); Tris Ortiz, 120, brother of Manuel, T.K.O.'ed Tippy Larson, 124 (2); Al Williams, 164, stopped Pat Kelly, 162, in the third.

Rusty Payne, 182, San Diego Negro, defeated J. D. Turner, 220, Dallas, Tex., in a ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. The bout got off to a hectic start when Turner dropped Payne in the opening round and sensing a "kill," the big Texan kept on punching, although Rusty was on either one or both knees. This indiscretion cost Turner the round on Referee Georgie Goodman's score card.

Payne was ahead in most of the action from the second round on, and he evened up the knock-down scored over him by decking the over-size Texan in the seventh heat with a whistling uppercut to the jaw. Rusty piled up most of his points with left hooks to the head, although he beat Turner often with pile-driving rights to the body.

In supporting bouts, Kid Lester K.O.'ed Jimmy McCrackin in two; Willie Collins whipped Joe Rodriguez in four; Tiger Hodges stopped Manny Silva in the fourth; Jimmy Fox decisioned Joe Corona in four.

Tito Despaigne of Panama ran his California victories up to six by stopping Frankie (Chief Crazy Horse) Martin in the eighth round at the Ocean Park Arena. Despaigne packed too many heavy guns for the Indian with the crazy name who was making his return to the ring after a year's layoff, and Referee Charlie Randolph halted the one-sided affair in the eighth. Despaigne weighed 147; Martin, 145.

In the semi, Bert White, 126, Chicago Negro handed Art Aragon, 130, his first setback in six starts, by copping the five-round decision.

Other results: Elmer Lewis, 144, and Wilfred Scott, 139, drew (4); Nat Gibson, 162, nodded Bob Hawkins, 163 (4); Bourbon Murphy, 13[illegible] K.O.'ed Tommy Rivera, 143 (2).

Nick Moran, Gus Wilson's newly acquired Mexican scrapper, added another upset and one-round fight to the many that have taken place in these parts in recent months, by belting out Bobby Yeager, Negro youngster of Los Angeles, in the first heat at the Hollywood Stadium. They had sparred around for nearly two

minutes when of a sudden, Moran put on a two-fisted attack that forced Yeager into a corner, where Nick whipped over a right to the jaw that rocked Bobby to sleep. Moran, who Manager Wilson now considers worth his weight in gold, came in at 141. Yeager, the 3-to-1 favorite, tipped the beam at 139.

In the semi, Ralph Lara, 128, Pasadena, punched out a six-round decision over Harry Cole, 132, after having been decked in the opening round.

In remaining bouts, Alonzo Williams, 154, decisioned Willie Collins, 158, in four; Leonard Marquez, 124, won over Tony Mendez, 126, in four; Augie Rodriguez, 117, defeated Mickey Romo, 119, in four (Romo is batting for Benny Cousins these days); Lou Bernal, 133, won by T.K.O. over Henry Zamora, 132, in the first.

Enrique Bolanos of Mexico City shone brilliantly in easily winning over Tony Olivera of San Francisco in their rematch at the Hollywood Stadium. The Mexican bellhop was a sharp, fast-punching performer in this bout, not the rusty, off-color scrapper who was given an unearned decision over Olivera a while back.

Whipping in well-executed left hooks, Bolanos floored Tony for a nine-count in the opening round, and for an eight-count in the sixth frame. Enrique continually beat Olivera to the punch and was credited with at least seven of the ten rounds. However, the fiery little Portuguese made it a fight all the way and it was a sizzling setto, in spite of the advantage that the Mexican piled up. And as usual, Olivera made his garrison finish to cop the final round, which brought forth the cheers of the crowd, but fell far short of making the contest close. Bolanos weighed 126; Olivera, 122.

Manuel Zurita, featherweight brother of Juan, lightweight champ, made his California debut, but he was far from impressive, getting no better than a draw with Pee Wee Lewis of Baltimore, Negro trial horse. He had been highly touted. However, his recent arrival and lack of proper training may have accounted for his poor showing.

In remaining bouts, Eddie Jackson, 207, decisioned Ellsworth Clark, 196, in four; Bob Farris, 152, bested Buddy DeMille, 152, in four; Augie Rodriguez, 111, finished Val Garcia, 110, in the second; Fidel Aguilar, 128, outpointed Tony Mendez, 128, in the opener.

Neva Esparza, Tia Juana butcher boy, decisioned Melvin (Douglas) Johnson, clever Chicago Negro, in a ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Esparza is a pretty good fighter and it is not this writer's intention to belittle the Mexican boy, but Johnson's defeat, his first in ten or more starts, was due more to his lack of condition than to Esparza's superiority; in fact, the Negro had stopped Neva in a bout at Hollywood a year ago.

Johnson scored the only knockdowns of the bout, flooring Esparza twice in the sixth round, but he tired badly after that round and was barely able to stand at the final bell. Esparza weighed 140; Johnson, 144.

Other results: Ray Parker, Negro welter, grabbed the duke over Tino Leon in a sizzling six-rounder. Parker was on the receiving end of a lacing most of the way, but he decked Leon in the second and sixth. Chick Musgrove and Manuel Silva slugged three rounds to a draw, the bout being stopped because of eye cuts. Gregorio Escolona, Tia Juana bantam, defeated Ray Montoya, 125, in a six-rounder. Tony Marcus T.K.O.'ed Ray Towles in two.

Paulie Peters of San Francisco was turning the tables on the movie stars at the Hollywood Stadium until Referee Mushy Callahan advised him against it. That is, Peters felt that merely "appearing in person" with Frankie Angustain in the Movie City ring was enough of a performance, and he did little else for nearly five rounds in his bout with the Los Angeles Mexican boy. The referee did everyone in the Stadium (except Angustain) a favor when he halted the bout in the fifth and warned Peters to fight—or else.

Frankie had copped the first five rounds while Paulie was doing little more than shadow-box, but after that little *tete-a-tete* with the arbiter, Peters couldn't have been a madder Greek if he was owner of a restaurant on meatless day. Paulie tore out in the sixth with his heaviest guns blazing and he soon floored Angustain for an eight-count with a left hook to the body. A little later he dumped Frankie for another eight-count with a right to the jaw. However, the Mexican came up off the floor fighting and was slugging it out with Peters at the bell.

Peters decked Frankie for another eight seconds in the seventh with a right to the whiskers, but again Angustain tore into his tormentor as soon as he regained his feet. The Greek sank in a couple of punches below the beltline in this session. The 'Frisco belter doubled the Mexican up with a left into the stomach in the eighth, causing Frankie to slump through the ropes to the ring apron, where he was saved by the bell at the count of seven. Angustain was still in bad shape when he came out for the ninth and the first solid right landed by Peters put Frankie back in the resin, at which point Referee Callahan called it a night. Peters came in at 161; Angustain, 155.

In supporting bouts, Bert White, 127, Chicago, punched out a win over Angel Lopez, 125, Tia Juana (6); Bob Farris, 152, nodded Doll Nelson, 152 (4); Lou Bernal, 138, bested Benny Black, 142, but was handed a draw (4); Elmer Lewis, 145, beat Johnny Lopez, 142 (4); Benny Cousins won by T.K.O. over Val Garcia, 112 (2).

Matchmaker Babe McCoy staged six six-rounders at the Los Angeles Olympic in which some of our better young fighters were featured and an interesting program was the result.

In the feature bout, Tiger Sheppard, 192, Langtry, Tex., mauled and outsmarted Bob Smith, 188, Pittsburgh Negro. Sheppard is a roly-poly Negro gentleman, who does some clowning with his leather-pushing, but he is also a man of action. Smith is probably a better fighter, but he isn't the boxer to keep a scrapper like Sheppard at range, so the Tiger stayed in close and kept busy to cop the nod.

Vincent Villavicencio, 156, Mexico, far from being in good shape, was extended to the limit to decision Bob Farris, 152, a promising Negro boy not long out of the amateur ranks. Villavi—aw, let's just call him Villa—did okeh with his less experienced opponent until he ran out of gas in the last two rounds, then Farris came on to cop those heats and make it close. Villa isn't a fireman in Tia Juana any more; he is now employed in a brewery in the Border City, so his lack of condition is understandable.

Don Lee, 147, busy two-fisted scrapper of Inglewood, bested Mike Gamiere, 142, Cleveland veteran, in another fast-moving six-rounder. Lee carried the fight to his opponent and was credited with four of the rounds. Don was recently discharged from the Army, where he had served four years and was wounded.

Bobby Jackson, 130, added another victim to his long string by stopping Bert White, 127, Chicago Negro, in the third, after having decked White three times in the first round and twice in the third, when the one-sided affair was halted. This Jackson boy, a member of the Army and stationed in California, is a good little fighter and has proven himself worthy of top billing. It is my opinion that he would give either Baby Gonzales or Enrique Bolanos a real tussle.

Petey Wheatstraw, 145, Negro socker of Los Angeles, disposed of Charley Early, 144, San Francisco, in the opening round. After flooring Early for a two-count, Petey was belaboring the 'Frisco fighter with terrific rights to the jaw when Referee Johnny Indrisano intervened to save Early from further punishment. Early protested, but it was too late. The baby-faced Negro boy has been bowling over opponents regularly in recent months, and he is fast and clever, as well as a terrific puncher. His only weakness is that he doesn't take a punch too well. However, with a name such as Wheatstraw, Petey should have the necessary "grain" and vitamins to go places. (I'm sorry.)

Arturo Barron, 138, another Los Angeles youngster who has shown improvement, won every one of the six rounds from Torpedo Reed, 138, the grimacing Negro of Watts. Reed kept coming in to make the bout an interesting one, but he was outclassed and received a shellacking.

Don't know why Nolan Sharp accepted a return bout with Rusty Payne at the San Diego Coliseum, for in this second meeting the Los Angeles Negro made little attempt to fight back. Nolan had apparently recalled Payne's punching powers and remained in a shell most of the time. The San Diego Negro left-jabbed his way to an advantage in the first round and won the second heat with left hooks, but he really didn't go after Sharp until the third. It was in this round that Payne rocked Nolan into the Land of Nod with a crushing right uppercut to the jaw.

Sharp had given Payne a tough tussle for the full ten rounds in their first clash two weeks previously, but at that time Payne was Rusty in more ways than one, while in this second meeting, Rusty was a Payne to Sharp in more ways than one. (Yeah, I'm ashamed.)

Fitzie Fitzpatrick got back in his "K.O.—1 rd." groove by polishing off Battling Monroe in 1:28 of the opening heat in their scheduled ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Fitzie wasted little time in getting to the business at hand. Rushing Monroe to the ropes, he rained lefts and rights on the Negro's head. Monroe slumped to a sitting position on the lower rope and the over-ambitious Irishman pasted the Negro battler a few times before the referee could intervene. Monroe then fell through the ropes, but got back in the ring before the fatal count.

Fitzpatrick again tore into Monroe with both fists flying and the dazed Baltimore battler was soon on the floor again, where he remained on one knee until Referee Reg Gilmore had tolled off "ten," at which the Negro arose and expressed a desire to continue. Fitzpatrick weighed 170; Monroe, 169.

Ray Acosta, 169, a potent-punching Mexican, who was a pretty good fighter as long as ten years ago, pulled a surprise in planting Acey Haynesworth, 172, among the daisies in the fourth round of the semi. A left hook to the body put Haynesworth on the carpet for three, a right to the jaw eliminated him for the evening. Acosta had dropped Acey for a short count in the second. (But be careful, Ray, Haynesworth has been inactive. It could end differently in a rematch.)

In the four-rounders, Art Santelli, 167, defeated Frankie Valdez, 164; Steve Ludman, 193, decisioned Leonard Nix, 176; Russ Long, 158, whipped Doll Nelson, 152; Benny Cousins, 115, outpointed Leonard Marquez, 120.

Roy Miller, 161, Negro Golden Glover of Kansas City, came up off the floor from a five-count knockdown in the third to win by T.K.O. over Roman Starr, 160, Oklahoma, in the sixth at the Ocean Park Arena. Not that Miller was beating Starr that badly, for he wasn't; it was just that the Indian was bleeding from a number of old cuts and the referee considered the wounds too serious for Starr to continue. It had been a torrid give-and-take affair, with the score about even.

In supporting bouts, Jackie Cooper, 157, won by T.K.O. over Gilbert Whiteside, 155, in the second round, after having been floored three times in the first heat; Elmer Lewis, 145, stopped Willie Brown, 144, in the fourth; Bill Lisoni, 170, making his professional debut, decisioned Bob Hawkins, 160, in four; Sidney Franklin, 154, belted out Mickey Hearn, 149, in two; Pete Lewis, 132, K.O.'ed Carl Arabia in the second.

Matchmaker Charlie MacDonald dished up two ten-rounders for the Hollywood Stadium patrons, featuring two foreign importations versus two up-and-coming youngsters, in which the "furiners" were the winners.

In the top ten, Tito Despaigne of Panama (brought here by Davey Abad, that artful dodger of other years) handed Rene DeLeon, local Mexican club fighter, his first defeat, stopping Rene in the seventh round. It was a wild-and-wooly setto, in which the glove-tossing Mexican gave his more experienced foe a stiff argument for six rounds, but Despaigne was too rugged for the wild-swinging youngster. DeLeon was being punched all over the ring when Referee Johnny Indrisano raised the Panama puncher's paw. Despaigne weighed 151; DeLeon, 145.

In the companion ten-rounder, Raul Zenit of Mexico City, making his California debut, experienced little trouble in whipping Freddie Taylor. Taylor had little defense to offer against Zenit's clever boxing and he was so badly outclassed and messed up that the bout was stopped during the ninth round and awarded to the Mexican boxer on a T.K.O. Zenit weighed 137; Taylor, 132.

Other results: Gene Felton, 190, Los Angeles Negro, showed much improvement in winning easily over Tiger Sheppard, 193, the Negro "Mr. Five-by-Five" of Texas. The clowning Texan couldn't get close to the clever Felton. Gil Gonzales, 141, stopped Bobby Taylor, 142, in the first canto. Charley Early, 145, decisioned Buddy DeMille, 151, in the curtain-raiser.

Roman Starr, 160, tattooed Indian of Oklahoma, pulled one out of the bag when he disposed of Edgar Robinson, 159, Phoenix, Ariz., Negro, in the first round of their scheduled ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. With a few strains of "Everybody's Doing It" on his mind to egg him on, Starr unwrapped a haymaker that tucked Robinson away for the night. It was their third meeting, each having copped a decision over the other.

In remaining bouts, Gilbert Whiteside, 153, decisioned Alonzo Williams, 152 (4); Charley Early, 143, and Jimmy Williams, 147, drew (4); Elmer Lewis, 142, K.O.'ed Eddie Ryan, 143 (1); Bob Hawkins, 160, iced Dick Kells, 160 (3); Val Garcia, 110, dumped Tippy Larson (2).

California boxers have been rather active in the East during the past month. Most of their out-of-state bouts are listed below:

Lige Drew won over Johnny Jones in ten at Holyoke, Mass.

Jimmy Doyle K.O.'ed Jean Paul Green in three at Fall River, Mass.

Elmer Ray iced Claudio Villar in one at Chicago.

Jimmy Doyle bested Sammy Daniels in ten at Baltimore.

Baby Gonzales fought a draw with Steve Vaccarelli at New Orleans.

Lou Nova won over Buddy Knox in ten at Newark, N. J.

Jimmy McDaniels decisioned Sammy Angott in ten at New York City.

Bert Lytell lost to Johnny Finazzo in ten at Worcester, Mass.

Jimmy Doyle T.K.O.'ed Ernie Butler in five at Washington, D. C.

Ira Hughes stopped Tom Woodward in six at Akron, O.

Sheik Rangel was nodded by Danny Kapilow in ten at New York City.

Jimmy Doyle defeated Pete DeRuzza in ten at New York City.

Lige Drew dropped the decision to Bee Bee Wright in eight at Washington, D. C.

Irish Johnny Taylor scored a K.O. over Jesse Jas. Jackson at Denver.

Elmer Ray whipped Earl Lowman in ten at Boston.

Genero Rojo was beaten by Sammy Daniels in ten at Hartford, Conn.

Sheik Rangel defeated Ernest (Cat) Robinson in eight at Brooklyn.

Lige Drew was stopped by Jerry Maloni in three at Holyoke, Mass.

LEST I FORGET—Neva Esparza decisioned Chester Slider in ten at Fresno . . . . Nolan Sharp, rugged young Negro heavy of Los Angeles, is now under the tutelage of Duke Holloway, which accounts for Sharp's great improvement, for Holloway is one of the best coaches in these parts . . . . Eddie Marcus has been inducted into the Army . . . . Manuel Ortiz traveled up to Oakland to win easily over Lorenzo Safora, Cuban

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IN HAWAII

By CPL. MACK SHERMAN

BILLY BOY JAMES won his sixth consecutive fight when he licked Bill Jennings in the feature attraction of eight rounds at the Civic Auditorium. Both boys could dish it out as well as take it, which consequently made an interesting fight. Jennings, a good Negro boy, came in with a reputation as a slugger and James, therefore, was a little cautious with him for the first two rounds.

The third was one of Billy's big rounds when he lashed out with straight rights that caught Jennings on the chin and made him back pedal. During the fourth, James changed his style and punished the Negro lad on the inside. Jennings retaliated with short hooks that stopped Billy's aggressive style. The fifth was another of Billy's big rounds when he beat the Negro boy to the punch and outboxed Jennings during the entire round.

In the sixth, Billy again concentrated on Jennings' midsection and on many occasions the boys stood toe-to-toe and head-to-head and battled away at each other's stomachs. The seventh and eighth both were captured by James, due to the fact that Jennings tired toward the end and Billy came on strongly. Jennings proved to be a formidable opponent during the entire fracas. However, James commandeered the whole affair, and never at any time was the perpetual motion kid in any serious trouble. James is only 19 years of age and shows plenty of class for a boxer who is so young. With the proper handling, this boy should go far in the pugilistic world. James came in at 136, and Jennings weighed 138.

The balance of the card was comprised of four rounders.

In the semi final, that popular soldier scrapper, Lou Renai, 124, ran into some tough luck when he was T.K.O.'ed by the hard-hitting southpaw, Eddie Silva, 126. The fight was stopped due to a cut left eye suffered by game Lou toward the end of the second. This bout proved to be quite an interesting contest while it lasted. Renai ignored Silva's dynamite left and went right in to slug with the southpaw. The first round was fairly even with Silva enjoying a slight lead. The second started at a lively pace and continued to do so until Silva caught Renai with a devastating left that ripped his eye, thus ending the fight. A return go between these two boys would be a popular rematch.

Pete Louthis, 185, finally shook himself loose from the doldrums and had an easy time in gaining the nod over Doug Johnson, 186. The second round was awarded to Johnson when he was struck low by Louthis. However, Louthis overcame this handicap by outboxing the sepian for the balance of the contest.

Joe Barnes, 146, had an easy time of it in defeating Hugh Earle.

Harry James, 143, gained the favor of the fans when he disposed of Sam Quick, 147, in the second via a clean K.O.

Placido Torres, 125, copped the duke over Johnny Perry, 121.

In the opener, Wm. Candido, 125, was extended to the limit in defeating Bobby Wright, 126, in a thrilling tussle.

The crowd was 4200 and the gate grossed $6,448.15.

Bob Sawtelle performed very ably as referee, as did Mickey Kane as announcer at the mike.

In one of the most interesting bouts of the season and in chalking up his seventh consecutive win of his pro career, William (Billy Boy) James overcame his acid test when he decisively licked Johnny Ledesma, the former A.A.U. champ in an eight-rounder at the Civic Auditorium. This bout proved to be an action filled contest with Billy setting the pace at a slashing rate. James is now the local popular sensation as a result of his brilliant victory.

Ledesma, although going down to defeat was the most formidable and toughest opponent in James' opposite corner. The outstanding factor about the 'perpetual motion kid' is his amazing speed and stamina, in addition to his physical condition and the terrific pace he sets in every fight. This kid with a heart like a steam engine throws 'em just as fast and hard in the last round as he does in the first round.

As the fight progressed James bombarded Ledesma with a barrage of smashing rights that rocked Johnny every time he got hit. Toward the end of the fight Johnny's other eye was just a slit. If this fight had to go another round I think that Johnny's both eyes would have been closed. James came in at 135¾ and Ledesma weighed 136¾.

In the semi final scheduled for five rounds that boy with dynamite in both hands, Al Calderon, 162, put away the rough and tough Jack Clark, 152, in the fifth and final round. The end came in a minute and 5 seconds. Calderon was the boss from the very beginning when he smashed two lightning left hooks to Clark's chin that made his knees buckle. Calderon dropped Clark twice in the fourth, once for a nine count and again just before the round ended when the bell came to the rescue. Calderon cornered Clark in the final round and delivered a terrific right to the Negro boy's chin and that was all.

The balance of the card consisted of four-rounders.

Pete Louthis, 184¼, that much improved heavy, earned a well-deserved decision over Bill Bassette, 189¼, in a hard fought bout. This was an interesting affair with Louthis' aggressiveness coming to the fore.

Silas Green, 144¾, T.K.O.'ed Sam Rice, 142, in the third.

Little Rosa, 121¾, decisioned John Perry, 120.

Jimmy Jones, 146, chilled Jesus de Garcia, 148¾, in the first.

Alvin Gordon, 166, decisioned John Mathews, 163, in the opener.

The crowd was estimated at 4200 and grossed $6,530.

Bob Sawtelle, well known sports enthusiast and veteran boxing official, was elected president of the Territory of Hawaii AAU for the ensuing year. This was a unanimous choice, with absolutely no opposition.

Ralph DeJohn, Dado Marino, and yours truly have been appointed to take charge of the boxing program of AAFPOA (Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas), where an extensive list of activities are being planned. It will be centered at Hickam. We say Aloha to Gen. Flood, the most popular boxing fan in the air forces, who is leaving our area to go Down Under, for more important work. Col. Harvey Miller, former president of the N.B.A., honored us with his presence recently. Also seen was Quentin Reynolds, that ace sports reporter, boxing authority, and great war correspondent.

Dado Marino, popular Territorial flyweight champ, came off the floor four times in two rounds to hammer out a four-round kayo over Eddie Silva. This was a scheduled eight-rounder on November 19 at the Civic Auditorium. This was not a title bout as both boys came in over the weight limit. This was Dado's first appearance since donning the khaki of the Air Force.

Although Dado never appeared seriously hurt, he nevertheless kissed the canvas three times in the first round for counts of nine twice and one of eight. He was a little dazed when he reached his feet after the last knockdown. However, he survived the round.

Early in the second Silva lashed out with a haymaker, a left to Dado's chin and Marino found himself on the canvas again, but this time he bounced up again without taking a count. The blow shook up the champ for the remainder of the round. Up to this point Dado was completely outclassed.

It wasn't until the middle of the third that Dado struck Silva his first solid blow. Coming out of a clinch, Dado stepped in and connected with a solid left hook, his potent weapon, but he found Silva a willing mixer. Up to this point it was the up and coming Silva who dominated the battle. Silva possesses a devastating left hook that explodes dynamite every time he hits his opponent, and Marino can verify this statement.

Dado went to work early in the fourth when he sent a crashing right to Silva's midsection, much to the southpaw's discomfort. This was a neat trick because later in the round, Dado feinted his opponent with another right to the bread basket and when Silva lowered his guard, Dado shot his murderous left flush on Silva's chin and it was all over. Silva was stretched out on the canvas flat as a mackerel and was counted out. The time was 2:03 of the fourth.

In going down to defeat, Silva, in making his sixth pro appearance, made a good impression with the fans. Dado came in at 120 and Silva weighed 122¾.

There was a capacity gathering and the gate grossed $8043.

In the semi-final Alvin Gordon, 156, copped the duke over Ned Thomas, 160¾, in a dull four-rounder. The balance of the card consisted of four-rounders.

Frank Asuncion, 122⅞, scored a clean cut K.O. over Gus Rosa in the second.

Bill Bassette, 185¼, scored a T.K.O. over Bernie Farley, 218¾, in the second. The referee intervened to save Farley from further punishment.

Silas Green, 144, stopped Clarence Garrett, 143½, in 1:55 of the first.

Ice Cream Williams, 145, received a well-earned draw with Hugh Early, 146⅛.

George Ramsey, 134, decisioned Jimmy Currie, 134, in the opener.

Frank Fernandez continued his K.O. journey when he stopped Bill Jennings in the second round of a scheduled eight-rounder at the Civic Auditorium. This was Frank's sixth consecutive K.O. triumph in as many pro fights. Frank was a three-time amateur champ, winning the title in 1937, '39 and '41.

Jennings proved to be a gallant performer, but his style of fighting was made to order for Fernandez. Fernandez is a notoriously dangerous infighter and he slashed and hammered his opponent with solid body blows and sharp stinging uppercuts. During the first minute of the opening round, Fernandez came out of a clinch and shot a hard short right to Jennings' jaw, which resulted in Jennings finding himself on the canvas. He regained his feet at the count of nine and took a terrific battering for the remainder of the round. At the end of the initial stanza Jennings staggered to his stool.

In the second round Frank hammered another right to Jennings' jaw and Jennings hit the floor for another nine-count. He got to his feet only to be met with another of Frank's right-handers and he slumped to the canvas to be counted out. The end came in 2:25 of the second. Fernandez came in at 139½, and Jennings, 141.

In the semi-final scheduled for four rounds, Silas Green ran into some tough luck when he let himself get hit with one of Sabas Jamito's wild rights, with the result that his jaw was fractured in two places. Until this unfortunate incident, Green was away out on points. Toward the end of the second, Silas floored Jamito for a count of nine with a stinging right, flush on the button. The third was Green's until Jamito let loose with a right that practically ended the bout. Green proved himself to be a game battler and finished the round, but during the intermission the doctor decided to halt the contest and Jamito was awarded the verdict on a third-round T.K.O. The victor scaled 142, and Green, 146½.

Pete Louthis, 183¼, gave away 40 pounds when he licked Sandy McPherson, 224, in an interesting and hard-earned four.

Don Ponce, 130½, fought a good draw with William Candido, 129½, in a four.

Bill Bassette, 182, copped a close one over George Sanders, 175¼, in another four.

In the opener, Fred Luce, 146¾, was awarded a T.K.O. over Charlie Mason, 150½, in the second round.

The crowd was 3448 and the gross was $5523.

At a recent meeting at Pearl Harbor, the promoters and trainers of the respective boxing programs of the Army, Navy and Marines decided to consolidate their shows in order to establish an overall service personnel fistic schedule. This will enable the officials to determine the calibre and ability of the contestants and therefore classify the boys properly for the coming all-service title bouts.

Long Tom Winsett, the former baseball star of the Brooklyn Dodgers and Boston Red Sox, and mentor of the highly successful 7th Air Force diamond team, is now the officer in charge of the boxing program at Hickam Field. His staff consists of Dado Marino, the Hawaiian flyweight champ, Lou Peters, popular lightweight and leading contender from Boston, and yours truly.

Phil Furr, the welterweight contender of a few years back, is now down under with the 7th Air Force.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND

By GEORGE ROSS

JOE MONTY, featherweight, has signed a five-year contract with the writer. He has had three fights so far at the Valley Arena, Holyoke, Mass. Monty is a willing boy and is a crowd pleaser.

Walter McCormick, after getting Nick Stato on a winning streak with five knockouts and one decision to his credit, has turned him over to Nick's brother. The doctors advised Mac against taking too much activity.

The Valley Arena is drawing 'em in again. It looks as though Joe DeMaria will stay on the job as matchmaker for a while longer. Joe has a tavern at Thompsonville, Conn. It is called Joe's Ringside Tavern.

Saint Paul of Springfield, Mass., middleweight, did not have experience enough to cope with Jerry Fiorello, but did very well, considering it was only his ninth pro fight. LeRoy Jackson is pushing him a little too fast.

Lou Alpert, drop me a card with your address. I misplaced the address I had. My address is 50 Carlton Avenue, Chicopee, Mass.

Mickey Canty is in Italy. Mickey is in the thick of it.

Boxing is going strong in New England, Holyoke and Providence on Mondays; Hartford, Conn., Tuesday. A few clubs run in Maine on Wednesday, and the following stage their shows on Thursday: Worcester, Mass., New Bedford, Mass., Fall River, Mass., and Boston, Mass.

HERE AND THERE—Harry Borden of Holyoke, Mass., fight manager, who was honorably discharged from the Navy after being wounded, is back in Holyoke, but expects to leave again for the Pacific Coast, where he will get himself a stable of fighters. Harry was known to the managers of New York as Frenchy.

Reports are that Al Caroly's club in West Palm Beach, Fla., is drawing well. Al will be back at West Springfield, Mass., next summer with the Broden brothers, Al and George.

George Sheppard, manager of fighters and ex-matchmaker with Al Caroly, is keeping his fighters very busy. Wilfe Shanks, who has had a string of fights with Jerry Maloni, is improving. He is a very promising boy. Whistling Willie Roache, the featherweight, has been coming along nicely.

Ernie Forte and his manager were visitors to the Valley Arena for the Amico vs. Spataro fight. Forte challenged the winner.

Danny Petro, drop me a line, or phone me, I have not heard from you in some time.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

TOMMY EGAN, 150, San Francisco, scored a lop-sided ten-round decision over Mike Stankovich, 148, Vallejo, at San Jose. Egan had previously beat Stankovich in a close match, but this time he made certain there would be no argument as he won all but three rounds. Those three were even. Tommy handed the Vallejoan a bad pasting mainly in the seventh and ninth frames.

John Thomas, classy lightweight from Los Angeles, scored an eighth round technical knockout over Romario Almagro, Cuban importer, at Oakland Auditorium.

Thomas a light hitter couldn't supply the finishing touch on Almagro, although he did hand him a boxing lesson both at long range and infighting. The L. A. Negro won every canto and at times punched Almagro at will.

Weights: Thomas, 139; Almagro, 140.

Gate: $3,958.42.

In the semi-final, Don Wixson, 137, Oakland, scored an eighth round decision over Freddy Taylor, 136, Colorado lightweight champ. It was a fast, furious battle throughout.

LeRoy Wade, 161, stopped Fred Kojer, 157, in four rounds. Fred Alle, 153, and Cy Perkins, 154, fought a four-round draw.

Jackie Ryan, 152, scored his best win since turning pro when he won a decision over Ross Romero, 148, Livermore, in ten rounds at National Hall. Ryan copped nine of the ten rounds in a furious scrap from the opening bell to the closing one.

There were no knockdowns.

House Gross: $1,985.

In the semi-final, Dick Reardon, 164, made his second comeback attempt a success by stopping Billy Simons, 159, San Mateo Negro, in one round. Simons was down three times and reeling when Referee Frankie Carter halted the affair; Al Rodriquez, 130, Hayward, stopped Young Wesley Ketchel, 137, San Francisco, in one round; LeRoy Wade, 160-pound Negro, scored a T.K.O. over Charley Marshall, 158, in the second round of the opener.

Jimmy Bryan, 157, Eureka, scored a four-round knockout over Pete Viratos, 152, Sacramento, in a scheduled ten-round main event at San Jose. A hard right hand landed flush on the jaw of Viratos and sent him sprawling. The scrap was fairly even up to the time Bryan connected.

The six-round semi-final saw Frankie Gallardo, 135, win over Al Rodriquez, 127, Hayward.

Ray Salas made his first main-event in Oakland a success by outpointing Jimmy Joyce, Gary, Indiana, in a thrilling lightweight scrap at the East Bay Auditorium.

The fight was crammed with action with Salas copping eight rounds and giving a neat exhibition of boxing and slugging. There were no knockdowns but Ray did shake up his Negro foe on several occasions.

House Gross was $3,753.38.

In another ten-rounder, Lorenzo Safora, Cuban, scored over Ceferino Robleto, Pasadena. Safora who claims the bantamweight crown of Cuba, won easily to make an impressive debut.

Charlie O'Kelley, 145, outclassed Fred Alle, 152, four rounds; Willie Brown, 152, decisioned Johnny Ricco, 142, four rounds.

Christmas came early in the Heffernan home when Referee Bobby Andrews awarded Tim Heffernan, Irish heavyweight, the ten-round decision over Al Sheridan, Indianapolis Negro, at National Hall. Sheridan copped six rounds, Heffernan three, and one even on our score card.

Heffernan was off stride and Sheridan had the better of the infighting in most rounds. Sheridan scaled 179, to Heffernan's 191.

Billy Smith, 172, kayoed Allen Arnett, 169, Los Angeles, in the first of a scheduled six-round semi-final.

Billy Gilbert, 215, and George Edwards, 187, went four to a draw.

Smiley Burnett, 175, decisioned Ace of Spades, 168, in four.

Cagey Veteran Kenny LaSalle snapped the winning streak of Punching Paulie Peters in a hard-fought close ten-rounder at the Oakland Auditorium. LaSalle copped the surprise decision on his showing in the final round when he twice hurt Peters with left hooks to the body. Kenny dropped the Frisco lad in the second with a right hand to the jaw, however, Peters got up without taking a count.

In the sixth, Peters outpunched his crafty foe three to one, cutting his (LaSalle's) eye. Paulie missed plenty in the later rounds and LaSalle was tiring, but Kenny slowed down his opponent with well-timed blows.

Weights: Peter, 159; LaSalle, 151.

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In the semi-windup, Paul (Fancy Pants) Roguejo, 134, stopped Jimmy Lester, 140½, five rounds. Mike Stankovich, 148, defeated Pete Viratos, 150, six rounds. Harold Alle, 152, T.K.O.'ed Bob Wyman, 150, two rounds.

House Gross: $3,653.85.

Oakland Billy Smith scored a questionable ten-round decision over Bob Smith at National Hall.

Referee Frankie Brown gave Billy the duke in what we thought could have easily been a draw. Bob Smith didn't look like the same lad who gave Pat Valentino a tough fight a year or so ago, but he did belt Billy with a hard right to the body that sent the kid outside the ropes.

Billy clung, biked, and buckled, for three rounds after the hard blow struck.

Weights for the Smith match—Billy 172, Bob 180.

Dick Reardon, 163, finished Al Wright, 163, in the third of a scheduled six-rounder.

Smiley Burnett, 182, defeated Leo Green, 185, in four.

Harold Alle, 152, nodded Charley Marshall, 151, in an exciting four-rounder.

Aaron (Little Tiger) Wade came up with a big upset when he defeated Cocoa Kid in ten rounds at Civic Auditorium. Wade dropped the Kid twice, in the first and again in the ninth and won six of ten rounds despite being a 5 to 1 short-ender.

In the first round, Wade landed a hard right behind the ear and a left hook to the jaw dropping Cocoa for nine seconds. Eager to end it in the second, Wade missed punches, and his crafty foe, a veteran of fourteen years, escaped further damage.

The third, fourth and fifth went to "Little Tiger" by close margins, for he forced the issue and landed his jabs and hooks.

The two Negro boxers fought on even terms in the sixth, but Cocoa Kid came back and won the seventh and eighth rounds by out-fighting Wade at close quarters. Wade outjabbed the Kid at long range and his foe grabbed the lead in the infighting.

Cocoa's chances were exploded in the ninth when Tiger landed his right and sent the Easterner down for nine seconds, again. Wade tried to finish the Kid but the latter remained upright.

They fought hard in the tenth with Aaron almost spilling his opponent again, but Cocoa stood up under the two fisted attack and fought back.

Wade scaled 159½, Kid 158.

In the semi-windup, Jackie Ryan, 150½, won over Johnny Ricco, 145, Vallejo, six rounds.

Tommy Egan, 151, Ryan's stablemate, defeated Mike Stankovich, 148, Vallejo, for the third straight time, in six rounds. Stankovich clinched plenty as Egan forced the issue and Tommy had two big rounds the second and fourth.

The curtain-raiser, Eddie Reardon, 129, and Al Rodriquez, 127, went four to a draw.

House Gross was $6,557.

"Chet Slider got robbed," yelled Oakland fans as Referee Billy Burke gave Paul Lewis, Oakland Negro, a decision over the Fresno Negro, in ten rounds at the Oakland Auditorium. Most of the customers thought Slider should have had the nod or at least a draw.

It was a slashing brawl with Burke giving the duke to Lewis on his showing in the final round. Slider forced the scrap and cuffed Lewis with short shots at close range. Lewis did best at long range, but missed plenty.

There were no knockdowns but Lewis' features were puffed and bruised.

Gross gate: $4,566.

Weights: Lewis, 158; Slider, 148.

In the semi-final, Auriel Coutoure, soldier from Fort Scott, scored a surprise technical knockout over Romario Almagro, Cuban welterweight, in one round.

Ira Hughes, 172, defeated Bobby Castro, 168, in six. It was a fast match with Castro down twice, Hughes once.

Dick Young, 133, decisioned Al Rodriquez, 129, in four rounds.

World's N.B.A. Lightweight Champion, Juan Zurita, from Mexico City, won by a knockout in the sixth over Jerry Moore, New York Negro, in a non-title match at the Civic Auditorium. Flooring Moore five times, Zurita took his time and didn't warm for three rounds, but when he got settled, he let go with a chopping right which caught Moore on the jaw and dropped him for nine seconds. Jerry managed to keep away from Zurita until the round had only seconds left, then the champ canvased his foe for an eight count.

Zurita fought harder in the fifth and landed a right on the jaw decking Moore for a nine count.

Soon after the start of the sixth, Juan sent the New Yorker down again, this time from a body blow. He arose but received a right to the jaw sending him kicking as Referee Frankie Carter counted him out.

Weights were Zurita, 138; Moore, 143½.

Other results: Bud Christman, unbeaten featherweight, defeated Billy Gibson in six rounds. Christman looked very good as he battered his Negro foe.

Buddy scaled 129, Gibson 128.

Billy Gilbert, 225-pound Negro heavyweight, beat George Edwards, 184, in four rounds; Speedy Cannon, 154, stopped Willie Butler, 154, in the third; Smiley Burnett, 182, flattened Bob Roberts, 184, in two rounds.

Manuel Ortiz, El Centro Bantamweight Champion, won a ten-round non-title decision over Lorenzo Safora, Cuban Bantam Champ, at the Oakland Auditorium.

Ortiz had too much class and ability for his Cuban foe and easily won the duke. Safora played safety first thoughout the match. Manuel scored an edge in every round and handed Safora a fairly good lacing in the eighth, ninth and mainly the tenth.

Weights were Ortiz, 122½; Safora, 120.

House gross was $7,137.

Tommy Egan, up and coming welterweight, won five of the six rounds to easily defeat Lincoln Stanley, 141½-pound Negro.

Predo Jiminez, 150, decisioned Harold Alle, 151, four rounds.

Herman Porter, 162, stopped Johnny Crawford, 156, three rounds. Young Wesley Ketchel, 132, flattened Ace Williams, 130, Oakland, first round.

Cocoa Kid came to Frisco highly touted, but he doesn't seem to live up to dope given us for on November 24 he went to a "No Contest" after three rounds against Oakland Billy Smith at the Civic Auditorium under the promotion of Frankie Scaler.

Cocoa hit the canvas in the first from punches that did not look of the K.O. variety. Referee Frank Brown refused to count and ordered the Kid to his feet. Louis Hardwick (Cocoa's real moniker) looked himself by cuffing Billy around in the second.

At the start of the third, Cocoa fell from invisible punches and the referee stopped the bout and called it "No Contest." The air was filled with loud shouts from the fans most of them yelling "fake."

House Gross: $3,466.

Orchids to Referee Frankie Brown who wisely stopped the match after it was obvious the Kid didn't care to mix it.

Onions to Louis "Cocoa Kid" Hardwick. The Kid's purse has been held up pending an investigation.

In a ten-round semi-final, Al Spencer scored over Mike Stankovich, 143, Vallejo. Spencer was a sub for Auriel Coutoure.

Leroy Bolden, 168, defeated Silent Escobar, 170, deaf mute, in an upset, six rounds. Another surprise, Leroy Pate, also deaf mute, was stopped by Herman Porter, 168, in two rounds.

SHORT JABS: Irish Johnny Taylor, discharged Oakland boxer, scored two victories in Denver during the month. Both times he decisioned Jesse James Jackson, Negro from Ft. Warren. Both kids were down numerous times. . . . Enrique Bolanos, classy featherweight from Mexico, defeated our own Tony Olivera in ten rounds down south. Bolanos scored two knockdowns and easily beat Tony. . . . Sheik Rangel's Eastern debut was spoiled when he lost to Danny Kapilow in the Garden. Rangel came back at a later date and defeated Cat Robinson in eight heats. . . . Berkeley Fire Department Officials informed Dick Reardon that he must decide to quit the boxing game or fire department as Dick is a fireman. He has decided to hang up the gloves. . . . Newsboy Millich outpointed Bob Smith at Sacramento. . . . Golden Gloves tournament is in 'Frisco again for the thirteenth time. Plenty of entertainment is scheduled, the Gloves always provide *plenty* of action. . . . This writer's name is Bob Valli, 1910 Mason Street, San Francisco 11, California.

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WILLIE SCHULKIN

WITHIN the past few weeks, the big shots in boxing, many of whom have been idle for several months, have resumed their activity and judging by the number of contests already arranged for the New Year with "name" fighters, 1945 should be the best since the draft got under way. More and more of the top notch fighters are finding their way back into civilian life after a spell of army life and these pugilists, added to the youngsters who keep turning pro in an effort to make some dough before donning the uniform, will give the promoters ample talent for well-balanced shows.

This has been evident during the past two months and will be more so as boxing in the New Year gets going in full blast. Many of the veterans who went after the easy money during the early part of last year, have found the going too tough against ambitious youngsters and have hung up their gloves for good. Their action means more work for the newcomers, who, however, must not be rushed.

The past two months have found many young lads, scarcely past their eighteenth birthday, fighting twice a week, often within three days. This practice must be curbed immediately by the boxing commission if we are to protect the health of these lads and not burn them up too soon. New York and many other commissions have a rule relative to this practice, but unfortunately, when a boy fights one night in one state, tabs are not kept on this boy's appearance there and a night or two later, he is found fighting in New York or some other nearby state.

Georgie Sheppard has often been called the David Harum of boxing—which is a pretty good way of summing up the New York pugilistic entrepreneur. The keen, alert New York fight manager is definitely a bargain hunter in the cauliflower market. And on more than a few occasions his cheaply acquired purchases have turned out better than all right.

At these cut-rate prices, he has established quite a stable of pugs and seems to be doing okay for Mrs. Sheppard and the little ones. One of the best of his shrewd business deals was Jack Portney, the Baltimore southpaw who once fought Louis (Kid) Kaplan. Sheppard paid $10.50 for Portney—and the leftie proceeded to pull down more than $39,000 in purses.

Max Waxman had Portney, but had a bit of difficulty in getting him work. Disgustedly, he turned Portney over to the eager Sheppard for $10 plus the 50 cents for a notary public to switch the contract. Portney fought three years for Sheppard, during which time he knocked out Tony Falco, beat Jack Carroll in Australia and picked up $39,000 in purses—not a bad return for a $10.50 investment.

The range of Sheppard's prices at the fistic bargain counter extends from $10 to $100. For example, he picked up Whistling Willie Roache from Nate Phillips for $100. In no time he got Roache some real good shots which rocketed the Whistler into the first ten Featherweights. The little Negro scrapper has already drawn more than $25,000 in purses and is headed for a shot at the N.B.A. title with Sal Bartolo in Boston. Sheppard at present is handling the affairs of Wilfe Shanks, middleweight from Montreal, Can., Joey Peralta, Mexican lightweight who recently defeated Dave Castilloux twice in Canada, George Larover, Philadelphia lightweight battler, and a host of lesser lights.

Your RING reporter in his travels says—Joe Louis boxed three fast rounds with Dee Amos in Elizabeth, N. J., and seemed to be in good shape as he moved around with the capable Dee. . . . Yancey Henry won a very close one from Gunnar Barlund in Baltimore. . . . The crowd thought Barlund was entitled to a draw. . . . At Newark, Teddy Randolph went into the ring a 3½ to 1 underdog and proceeded to punch it out with Georgie Parks to win a very popular decision at the end of ten rounds. . . . Walter Woods seems to be returning to his old form judging by his performance against Berlie Lanier in Baltimore. . . . Johnny Carter got away with a close one when he was awarded a technical knockout victory over the tough Van McNutt in six rounds at the Met Opera House in Philadelphia. . . . McNutt proved himself to be one tough baby in that fight and Manager Tommy Conti raised an awful rumpus when the bout was stopped.

On the same card Eugene Burton made his debut to Philly fans and made a hit in stopping Billy Nixon in three rounds. . . . Four days previous to this, Nixon had licked Frankie Wills and was an overwhelming favorite to take the unknown Burton. . . . What a shock the sharpshooters got! . . . Bobby Lakin, a Negro smoothie, looked very good in outboxing the rough Henry Jordan in Brooklyn, then two weeks later Jordan was stopped in two rounds by that punching package of dynamite from Cleveland, Chuck Hunter, in two rounds. . . . This is one baby that sure can punch!

Charley (Ace) Howard, lightweight, boxed in a four-round bout at The Broadway Arena and looked like a guy who knows all the answers in licking Hubert Winfield. . . . Cleo Shans was entirely too full of punches in his system and let loose on Carmine Fatta in Baltimore winning by a three-round knockout. . . . Very impressive win, sez I.

Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien journeyed over to Newark and handed Teddy Randolph a boxing lesson in ten rounds. . . . Shamus never looked better in his life. . . . Eugene Burton fought in the semi of six rounds and won as he pleased from veteran Bobby Winters of Philadelphia. . . . Georgie Cooper did a very good job in holding Johnny Juliano to a draw in the eight-round feature event at the Riviera Rink in Belleville, N. J. . . . Georgie piled up an early lead but faded a bit in the closing rounds, enabling Johnny to come from behind to get a draw. . . . This new club in Belleville is a beautiful spot and with more bouts of this kind, we think the club can't miss being a success.

Walter "Popeye" Woods is coming along in fine style. . . . His latest win was over Tiger Lou Jones (whom he kayoed in eight rounds). We didn't get to see that bout as it was held in Montreal, but judging him from his performance against Berlie Lanier in Baltimore, he can't miss being heard from during the year 1945. . . . Joey Sulick, New York welterweight, returned to the ring after an absence of more than two months and licked Julio Gallucci in Elizabeth, N. J., in six rounds. Here's another lad who bears watching for the new year.

Lew Diamond, the Honest Brakeman, who is mighty proud of the two sons he has in the Army, received word from his son, S/Sgt. Sam, from France, telling him that he was wounded in action along the Rhine drive. He was hit by shrapnel and is recovering in a French hospital and is eager for more action on the other side of the Rhine.

Bobby Ruffin won by a nose before his ten-round contest with Johnny Greco and then went on to lose by a nose in the actual fighting of the battle. It was a close finish! But let's see how it started. Ruffin was in his dressing room before 8 P.M. and after having his hands bandaged and taped, decided he'd like to go for a walk. No sooner thought than done, Bobby vanished!

When he returned an anxious committee greeted him. Frankie Doyle, chief handler of the Greco entourage demanded that Ruffin remove the bandages from his hands as he insisted that Ruffin's dukes might have been tampered with. This Ruffin adamantly refused to do. Meanwhile an anxious crowd of more than 16,100 fans who had paid $55,760, were impatiently awaiting the arrival of the principals in the ring.

Good old General John J. Phelan came to the rescue. Taking a quick look at Ruffin's mitts, he okayed them and ordered the boys to report immediately at ringside. Both Bobby and Johnny, just released from the American and Canadian Armies, recognized the order from their superior and reported as ordered. This "Melee of the Maulies" argument lasted for more than ten minutes and it was 10:10 when the principals came bouncing into the ring. Mike Jacobs heaved a sigh of relief and the battle was on.

There wasn't much to choose between the boys in the opening round, but Ruffin came back in the second to outclass Greco. Many fans voiced the opinion that if Greco expected to win, the only way he could accomplish that, would have to be via the kayo route. Little Johnny, from Montreal way, fooled everybody. He piled into his more ring-wise opponent and never did let him get a chance to get set. His roundhouse left hooks and right crosses were a treat to watch. Most of the times Greco missed by feet, but it was fascinating to see.

Ruffin boxed beautifully, but only in spots. Had he boxed his way throughout the fight, it would have been no-contest. At times Ruffin would make the mistake of feinting with a slight head movement and then pull back, enabling Greco to connect with a long overhand right that would catch Ruffin on the point of the chin.

Time and again Ruffin adopted this foolish policy and was caught with sucker punches. Bobby seemed to be testing the potency of Johnny's punches. He was an unbeliever, but when Greco scored with a terrific right-hand smash in the sixth which dropped him along the ropes for a three-count and then followed this up in the seventh round with another corking right to the jaw, dropping Ruffin for a one-count in Greco's corner, Bobby assumed the attitude of Yes, I believe! I sure do believe!! Ruffin would have won both these rounds were he not foolishly inclined to sample punches that he might have easily avoided had he used common sense tactics.

The start of the ninth brought the crowd to its feet! Bobby Ruffin, fresh as a daisy (and as daffy as a daffodil) walked right into Greco and proceeded to give him a thorough goingover. Greco, all spent from his efforts in the earlier rounds, had nothing to ward off this fresh outburst.

This continued all through the tenth and final round with Greco barely managing to keep his feet. Heart alone carried the game Canadian through these final two rounds while the crowd went wild. Greco won the fight, but Ruffin stole the crowd. The decision was unanimous.

Referee Frank Fullam and Judge Bill Healy made it six rounds to four, while Judge Sam Cohen ruled it six, three and one even. Your RING reporter gave the first two and the last two rounds to Ruffin. What happened in between, Oy! it should happen to Hitler!! Greco weighed 143½, Ruffin, 141.

In an eight-round semi-final, Tony Jamiro, 139, Youngstown lightweight, turned the tables on Al Guido, 136, in a slow bout. Janiro had the bout well in hand from start to finish. Guido's showing was a disappointment to his backers. From this corner it looked like the second round could be called even with the remaining seven going to Janiro. The decision was unanimous.

Doug Carter, 139¼, Newark, N. J., had an easy time winning from the ancient Ruby Garcia, 136¾, Puerto Rico, in a six-round bout. Garcia definitely is passe material. Tommy Mills, 139, Valley Stream, L. I., won a closely fought contest from Pat Scanlon, 135, Ozone Park, L. I., in a six-round bout. Scanlon scored often with a long left jab, but the fighting spirit of Mills when he got in close is what influenced the judges in voting the way they did.

Tommy Gargano, 144¼, Brooklyn, scored a clean-cut knockout over Kenny Reid, 149, Brooklyn, in the first round, but the bell rang and little Tommy had to go out and do it all over again. Time 22 seconds of the second round. Danny Lorimer, 149¼, Scotland, and Malcolm Denbroeder, 146¾, Abington, Mass., threw pineapples at each other in the opening four-rounder, with the result that Mal caught one on the whiskers forcing the referee to call a halt in 1:12 of the fourth round. Lorimer was the winner by a knockout.

Billy Arnold, 151, Philadelphia star, added middleweight Bob Wade to his long list of knockout victims by stopping Wade in 2:03 of the second round at the St. Nick Arena. Wade, weighing 157, proved no match for the hard-hitting Philadelphian. A crowd of 3040 paid $4426 to witness the massacre. Wade was game enough and tried swapping punches with his opponent only to find himself on the deck after sampling a right to the jaw in the first round. Wade took a count of nine but went to his corner plainly hurt.

When the second round opened, Arnold went to work on his adversary in earnest and after dropping his man twice for nine-counts, Referee Jack Appell stopped the uneven contest.

In six-round bouts, George Cooper, 128¾, New York, took on lightweight Jerry Darby, 133, Jamaica, L. I., and Referee Jack Appell de-

clared this bout no-contest in the fifth. Your RING reporter was of the opinion that Appell acted rather hastily, as both boys appeared to be trying their best. Cooper was in front in what little action there was.

Teddy Green won a hard-fought contest from Ernest Barnwell. Green weighed 150 to Barnwell's 156. Vic Costa, 140, the Bronx, slammed Pete Martinez, 146¾, all over the lot, forcing the ref to call a halt to their bout with only 27 seconds remaining of their six-round bout. Costa was the winner by a technical knockout.

In fours, David Carver, 161¾, the Bronx, out punched Vic Chambers, 161, Newark, in a lively bout, while the opener showed Willie Gray, 154, Harlem, punching Mal Denbroeder, 147, Abington, Mass., into oblivion in 1:09 of the second round.

Fernando (The Mighty) Menichelli of Argentina made his New York debut at the St. Nicholas Arena and was held to a draw at the end of ten rounds by Johnny White, durable Negro battler from Jersey City. Referee George Walsh gave the Mighty One six rounds, two for White and two even. Judge Jack Denning ruled it five rounds each, while Judge John Potter scored it five, four and one even in favor of White. This three-way ruling brought the bout to an official draw. As your RING reporter scored it the bout was a dead heat at five rounds each.

Menichelli displayed an amazing amount of gameness and durability throughout the contest and may yet come on to prove a good drawing card with his willingness to battle it out. With the heavyweight situation being as it is, Mike Jacobs certainly can use a fair heavy that would add a bit of international flavor in local rings. Menichelli was dropped for no-count in the first round. was brought to his knees in the second but managed to come back in fine fighting spirit in the later rounds to make White "dog" it in the closing sessions. The draw decision was well received. Menichelli weighed 198¾, White, 209½.

Danny Devlin, 179, Allentown veteran, looked very good in punching out a six-round decision over Walter Thomas, 180¾, Bronx Negro. Devlin, who has been boxing about seventeen years, displayed plenty of class and punching ability in every round and romped off with the unanimous decision at the end of this bout. Cecil Schoonmaker, 106½, Harlem, had an easy time winning over Kermit Holloway, 114, of the Bronx, in six rounds. Roy Andrews, 134½, Lowell, Mass., took a very close contest from Orlando Ferrara, 135½, Stamford, Conn., in a very fast six-rounder. Andrews was floored for a count of nine in the first round, made a very good showing during the contest, but tired badly in the last round. A draw would have been a better verdict.

Charley (Ace) Howard, 136, Yorkville, making his second start in the pro ranks, looked very good in stopping Henry Lord, 132½, Harlem, in three rounds. Lord was unable to come out for the fourth round. This show attracted a near capacity crowd, accounting for a $5596 gate.

Sheik Rangel, 147¼, of Fresno, California, proved himself a very rough customer in his second start in Eastern rings. He engaged Ernie "Cat" Robinson, 148, Jamaica, L. I., in the main event of eight rounds at the Broadway Arena and the Sheik walked off with the unanimous decision. Maybe "it must've been somethin' he et," but he was a far different fighter from one who lost to Danny Kapilow in ten rounds at Madison Square Garden. The "Cat" was far from tame and waged a stubborn but losing battle throughout the contest. The Sheik was not to be denied. He bored in constantly and never took a backstep. It was a very entertaining bout and the customers were thoroughly satisfied.

In the semi-final eight Phil Palmer, 141, Vancouver, B. C., won by a wide margin over Julio Gallucci, 144½, Hartford, Conn. Palmer was handicapped by a bad cut over his right eye, received in the first round. This bout was a hard-fought contest and both boys got a swell round of applause as they left the ring.

Jeff Holloway, 140, Jamaica, L. I., defeated Frankie Gromada, 137, East Side, in a fiercely fought eight-round bout. Frankie was on the canvas in the second and eighth rounds for counts of seven on each occasion. Billy Cooper, 165, Cleveland, had an easy time winning from Johnny Morris, 168, Yonkers, N. Y., in six rounds. In the opening four, Sal Scilabra, 125½, Greenwich Village, won from Lou Prince, 128¾, Princeton, N. J.

Pete DeRuzza, 156, Mamaroneck, N. Y., won by a technical knockout over Ballesandro Carubia, 151½, Astoria, L. I., at the end of the fourth round at White Plains. Carubia entered the ring a slight favorite to beat his more experienced opponent. Bally gave a good account of himself in the first three rounds, but received a bad cut over his right eye and could not answer the bell for the fifth round.

George Homan, 151½, Coney Island, knocked out Charley Howard, 151½, Harlem, in 1:29 of the third round. Hal Glassman, 187, a newcomer from Philadelphia, won a four-round decision from Hugh Walker, 199, a gentleman from Harlem.

Joey Gambaro, 145, Bronx, fooled the wise boys when he took down the duke from the highly touted Johnny Williams, 137½, Harlem. Gambaro's weight advantage proved the deciding factor. Eddie Allen, 147½, a seasoned performer from Philadelphia, proved too ringwise for Freddie James, 151½, Newark, and won the decision in their six-rounder. Gunnar Larson, 141, Brooklyn, crashed a right hand to the chin of Hubert Winfield, 133¾, Valley Stream, L. I., and the referee counted out Winfield in 2:33 of the second round.

Phil Terranova, 127¼, Bronx contender for featherweight honors, administered a beating to Harry Jeffra, 130¼, Pride of Baltimore, Md., in the feature event of ten rounds at the St. Nicholas Arena, but the official verdict was a draw. How this decision was arrived at will always remain a mystery.

Terranova won the contest hands down, but the decision is what pays most, and Jeffra got that. Terranova consistently outfought his Baltimore rival and scored with telling left hooks to the jaw and right uppercuts delivered at close range throughout the ten rounds.

Manager Bobby Gleason may have voiced silly squawks in the past, but in this case, he was fully justified in complaining. Jeffra made a belated rally in the final three rounds, but that's about all that could be scored in his favor. Referee Harry Ebbetts scored it as five for Terranova, three to Jeffra and two even. Both judges ruled five rounds to each, making it a majority draw decision.

Your RING reporter saw it as seven rounds to three, favoring Terranova.

In sixes, Johnny Williams, 138, Montgomery, Ala., won decisively over Julio Gallucci, 144, Hartford. Bobby Brown, 160, Philadelphia, scored a knockout over Ralph Tiovelli, 163½, Poughkeepsie, in 2:03 of the fourth round. Gunnar Larson, 139¾, Brooklyn, outpointed Pete Martin, 146, Puerto Rico.

In four-round bouts, Dave Carver, 157, of the Bronx, required only 46 seconds to put away Leon Anthony, 162, Harlem, while Sal Scilabra, 125½, West Side, scored his third pro victory over Lou Prince, 129¾, Princeton, N. J., by romping off with the duke after a fast contest. More than 2900 people paid $3836 to witness the bouts.

Frankie Terry, 157, Brooklyn, won a close eight-round decision over Indian Gomez, 160, Cuba, in the feature contest at the Ridgewood Grove Boxing Arena. The Indian piled up a commanding lead in the first half of the bout, but petered out towards the end, enabling Terry to come on to nose him out at the tape. The decision was roundly booed.

In six-round bouts, Mike Konnors, 131, Brooklyn, won a slugfest from Rocky Progano, 132. This bout had the fans cheering wildly throughout. Willie Beltram, 137, New York, had an easy time winning from Herbie Solomon, 135, New York, while Ernest Barnwell, 158, Brooklyn, won a very unpopular verdict over Joe E. Carter, 161, Jamaica, L. I. In four-round bouts, Teddy Green, 150, Jersey City, punched out a win over Jerry McGee, 150, Augusta, Ga., and Willis Scott, 158, Harlem, proved too strong for Harold Gary, 157, Cleveland. A near capacity house witnessed the bouts.

Freddie Archer, 147½, Newark welterweight, scored a three-round knockout over Baudelio Valencia, 152½, Mexico City, in the latter's debut at the Ridgewood Grove, in New York rings. Archer twisted his ankle while warming up in the dressing room before the bout, but insisted on going through with the contest. His speed and footwork suffered a bit due to this injury, but he was able to score with well placed left hooks to the chin of the durable Mexican. Valencia was down for a nine-count in the second round and was dropped for a count of nine in the third, before Archer scored with the finisher.

The co-feature eight-round bout showed Frankie Rubino, 133, Brooklyn battler, winning a rough contest from Mario Colon, 128, Puerto Rico, at the end of a hotly fought scrap. Rubino won the first two rounds, but Mario came back to take the following two, making it even at the half-way mark. Colon seemed to tire in the latter half of the fight and Rubino came down the stretch with both hands blazing away at every opportunity. Colon was given the duke by the referee, who was overruled by the two judges. Rubino was adjudged the winner in a split decision affair.

Irving Palefsky, 144, Bronx, threw too many left hooks for Gunnar Larson, 139, Brooklyn, and won the unanimous decision at the end of their six-round bout. Larson did well in going the limit. Benny Cartegena, 140, Bronx, came from behind to score a knockout over George Johnson, 139½, Harlem, in the fourth round of a scheduled six-round go. A terrific right cross to the button did the trick. Previously Johnson had beaten Cartegena.

In fours, Ralph Giffone, 130¼, Bronx, was given the duke over Hubert Winfield, 132¼, Brooklyn, while Sal Scilabra, 125, won a close one from Lou Prince, 128½, Princeton, N. J. This is the fourth time these boys have met with Scilabra winning all four bouts by the decision route.

Freddie Russo, 131, Rahway, N. J., had an easy time winning the decision from Pete Virgin, 126, Garfield, N. J., in the feature eight-round event at the Westchester County Center. Russo, in winning every round from Virgin, racked up his 41st pro ring victory.

Vince LaSalva, 147½, Mount Vernon, N. Y., looked very good in outboxing Willie Gray, 155½, Detroit Negro, in the semi-final six-round bout. In his previous bout at this club LaSalva held the highly-touted Phil Palmer to an eight-round draw, many in the audience thinking that Vinnie should have been awarded the decision. LaSalva is fast catching on with the fight crowd and looks like a lad who is destined to go places.

Georgie Homan, 152½, Coney Island, won decisively over Jerry McGee, 148, Augusta, Ga., in four rounds. Willis Scott, 158, Harlem, knocked out Vic Chambers, 160, Newark, N. J., in 1:49 of the second round. Frankie Rosen, 137½, East Side, whipped Orlando Ferrara, 137, Stamford, Conn., in six fast rounds. Danny Aldridge, 169, Newark, N. J., had Tiger Lou Jones, 165½, Port Chester, N. Y., going up and down like an elevator but could not put him away and had to be content with a decision victory at the end of six rounds.

Al (Bummy) Davis, 154¾, Brownsville's gift to the prize ring, returned to the wars and flattened Frankie Ross, 147½, Boston, in 2:31 of the second round at the Broadway Arena. Davis has been out of action since his disastrous attempt against Henry Armstrong at Madison Square Garden. Bummy seemed at least ten pounds over his best fighting weight and was slow in getting started. Ross did not provide any competition whatsoever and seemed to be in a hurry to get the thing over with. The Boston lad was floored early in the second round for a nine-count and when Davis followed this up with a terrific left hook to the pit of the stomach it was all over but the counting.

In the semi-final six-rounder, Al Pennino, 123½, Red Hook, ran into a surprise when he met Gus Mell, 129½, Montreal, with Mell winning the verdict after a fast bout. Pennino had things his own way in the first round, flooring Mell for a nine-count, but Mell took things in hand at the start of the second and never was headed thereafter. This was a closely fought contest and a draw decision would not have been out of order. The decision was well received.

Lew Perez, 156, Puerto Rico, clowned his way to a six-round win over Leon Kennedy, 147½, Harlem. Sid Haber, 139½, Brooklyn, showed a great deal of improvement over his previous starts in the manner by which he won over Ray Cox, 142, New Orleans, in another six-round bout. Jim Kennedy, 148, Harlem, outclassed Kenny Reid, 147¾, Battle Creek, Mich., forcing Referee Jack Appell to call a halt after 1:54 of the third round, due to a badly cut left eye suffered by Reid.

Vinnie LaSalva, 146½, Pride of Mount Vernon, won by a wide margin over Pat Giordano, 147½, of Toronto, Canada, at the end of their eight-round bout at White Plains. LaSalva showed a beautiful left jab and plenty of boxing ability. Manager Bobby Gleason expects big things of LaSalva this year.

Coolidge Miller, 166, Brooklyn, won a roughhouse brawl from Tiger Lou Jones, 166, Port Chester, N. Y., in the co-feature eight-round bout. Roy Andrews, 139, Lowell, Mass., defeated Carl Olson, 139½, New Haven, in a third eight-round bout.

Eddie Compo, 125¼, New Haven, scored a one-round knockout over Bill Commodore, 121, Harlem. Lew Perez, 155, Puerto Rico, whipped Jerry McGee, 153½, Augusta, Ga., in four rounds. Sal Amoroso, 130, Brooklyn, knocked out Earl Mintz, 129¾, Newark, N. J., in 2:41 of the second round.

Harold Green, punching fool from Brownsville, scored a four-round knockout over Johnny Melcher, Bennington, Vt., in an eight-round feature attraction at the Ridgewood Grove. Melcher tried the best he could, but was no match for the strong Brownsville lad. The game Johnny brought the crowd to its feet when he attempted to slug it out with his much stronger opponent. Melcher was down in the first round as a result of a push, for a count of three. He was down for a nine-count from a left hook to the stomach in the second and was flattened in 53 seconds of the fourth round with a short but terrific right cross to the chin.

Charley Watkins, 138, Youngstown, Ohio, licked Artie DePietro, 138, New York, in a six-round bout that had the fans clamoring for action. Watkins, much the taller of the two, fought a clever, defensive battle and really opened up in the final round, flooring DePietro twice for nine-counts. Tony Pellone, 139, New York, whipped Roy Andrews, 133, Lowell, Mass., in a stirring six-round bout. Andrews did not show too much inclination to make a fight of it, but opened up in the final round and punched the victor from pillar to post. Too late.

Jimmy Davis, 153, Pittsburgh, had an easy time in winning his bout against Mal Denbroeder, 149, Abington, Mass., forcing Referee George Walsh to call a halt in the sixth and final round. Davis was floored for a one-count in the first round, but proved entirely too strong for his game opponent.

In four-round bouts, Lew Perez, 157, Puerto Rico, won a terrific bout from Jerry McGee, 153, Harlem. Perez missed his vocation, but the crowd seems to go for his antics. In the opener George Homan, 152, Coney Island, made Charley Howard, 148, Harlem, quit after the third round had barely gotten under way.

Jimmy Doyle, a welterweight from Los Angeles, treated New York fans to a rare exhibition of boxing skill in making his Gotham

debut at the St. Nicholas Arena. His opponent, Pete DeRuzza of Mamaroneck, N. Y., proved a perfect foil for the cleverness of the wily Californian. Doyle, weighing 144¾ to DeRuzza's 152½, did not seem the weaker with this weight disadvantage. Might be that it was his knack of twisting his opponent around in the clinches and tipping his man off balance on the break that made it appear that he was the stronger of the two. Doyle does not pack a wallop, but is able to take a pretty stiff jolt. However, the decision was unanimous.

Judge Joe Agnello gave Doyle every round, while Referee Ruby Goldstein handed down a seven, two and one even verdict and the remaining judge, Sam Austin, gave eight to Doyle and two for DeRuzza. Doyle was the winner by a wide margin. We'd like to see him in there with better competition before we go overboard on this Peach from the Oranges Groves. The attendance was announced as 2463 paid, with a gross of $3753.

Six-rounders showed the following: Johnny Juliano, 125¾, Paterson, N. J., had an easy time winning from Clyde English, 127, British West Indies. Joe (Sandy) Saddler, 127, Harlem, forced the referee to call a halt to his bout with Manuel Torres, 131½, East Side, after 2:06 of the fifth round. Saddler was the winner by a T.K.O.

Jerry LaStarza, 167¾, formerly of the Bronx, but now a member of the Army Air Forces, scored a decisive triumph over Dave Carver, 159¾, Bronx, in a closely fought punching duel. In fours, Sal Amoroso, 127, West Side, scored an upset over Henry Lord, 122¾, Harlem, and Vinnie Melito, 132½, Jamaica, held Hubert Winfield, 134, Brooklyn, to a draw in the opening bout.

Frankie Terry, Bensonhurst slugger, pounded out a decision over Ray Rovelli, Weehawken, N. J., in the feature eight-round event at the Broadway Arena. On August 1 of this year, these two boys clashed in Hartford, Conn., with Rovelli annexing the unanimous decision. Terry more than evened the score with Rovelli by giving the latter quite a pasting. He dropped Rovelli for a nine-count with a left hook to the jaw in the third round. Terry weighed 155 to Rovelli's 153.

In the semi-final eight Phil Palmer, 139½, Vancouver, B. C., was lucky to get a draw with Georgie Larover, 139, Philadelphia. Larover started well, winning the first and third rounds decisively, but tired midway through the contest. Little Georgie mustered his reserve strength and made sensational rallies in the fifth and seventh rounds, but lost the eighth by a wide margin. Your RING reporter scored it as four rounds for each boy, but called Larover a winner by an edge, due to his winning his rounds in a lop-sided manner while Palmer managed to win his four rounds in a slip-shod fashion.

Six-rounders showed Joe E. Carter, 161, Jamaica, L. I., winning easily over Cyril Gittens, 155½, New York, and Bob Bailey, 149, Nashville, Tenn., scored decisively over the veteran Sid Silas, 147, Baltimore. After this contest Silas announced his retirement from the ring. Sid has been boxing seventeen years.

In fours, Charley (Ace) Howard, 136, New York, turned in a sparkling victory over Hubert Winfield, 133¾, Brooklyn. Winfield did well in going the distance. Leon Kennedy, 147½, New York, had too much on the ball for Jerry McGee, 149, Augusta, Ga., in the opening bout and won the decision.

Morris Reif, 145½, Brownsville Bomber, had a warm-up for his coming bout against Danny Bartfield at Madison Square Garden, when he took on Mike DeStephano, 145½, Philadelphia battler, in the feature event scheduled for eight rounds at the Broadway Arena. Reif won by a knockout at the end of the third round, but not before he had some very trying moments. DeStephano came out swinging and never did stop trying. The Philadelphia lad won the first round but ran into trouble midway of the second when Reif scored with some very hard body slams. In the end these blows weakened DeStephano and the game Philadelphian barely lasted out the third round.

Just before the bell ending the third round sounded, Reif caught DeStephano with a terrific left hook to the body which left the Quakerite breathless. Mike had to be assisted to his corner and his handlers decided that he'd had enough.

Frankie Gromada, 137½, East Side, boxed beautifully to win the unanimous decision over Victor Jade, 135¾, Cleveland, in the eight-round semi-final. Gromada displayed plenty of class and ring savvy in this bout. Sid Haber, 139, Brownsville, showed marked improvement over his previous starts in winning a six-round decision over Paul Miridi, 131, Corona. Irving Palefsky, 148, East Side, proved too strong for Leon Kennedy, 144¾, Harlem, and won the unanimous decision at the end of their six-round encounter. In the opening four, Jim Kennedy, 148½, Harlem, outfought Charley Howard, 147½, Pittsburgh, Pa.

An unusual young man gave an unusual performance at Madison Square Garden, when Lee Oma of Detroit, weighing a trim 186¾, stepped around Tami Mauriello of the Bronx, who weighed 194½, to win a unanimous decision at the end of their ten-round bout. Mauriello seemed fat and out of condition as Lee just walked with his arms dangling loosely at his sides, jabbing whenever he so chose and outpointed Tami by a wide margin. Oma gave one of the coolest and calmest exhibitions ever seen in the Garden.

His style was positively amazing! Old-timers compared him to Jimmy Slattery and Bushy Graham, but you can take it from us, that Oma has a style completely his own. Slattery and Graham did box with their arms at their sides, as did Maxie Rosenbloom, but they had plenty of speed afoot. Oma just walks leisurely, biding his time, letting right crosses miss him by a fraction of an inch as he turns and twists his head. Mauriello did make a desperate try on numerous occasions, but Oma always was one step ahead of him, and forced Tami to miss in a ridiculous manner, or stepped in and smothered the effects of the blows.

Oma continued to shoot an unerring left jab that found its mark time and again and along about the fourth round, Tami's face took on a crimson hue. Lee popped these counter shots from his sides and Tami's lunging efforts doubled the impact with which Oma's otherwise light punches would have landed.

Especially in the ninth and tenth rounds did Oma go to town. A tired and puffing Mauriello lunged forward in the tenth to be met by two stiff left jabs which jarred loose two teeth and then Oma followed this up with a terrific right cross to the jaw which sent Tami's mouthpiece flying across the ring. Oma, sensing the kill, waded into the weary Mauriello and was giving Tami a thorough goingover when the bell rang ending the contest.

Judge Bill Healy voted eight rounds to Oma and two for Mauriello. Judge Tom Guilfoyle scored six for Oma and four to Mauriello. Referee Frank Fullam gave all ten rounds to Oma. Your RING reporter ruled it eight rounds to two, favoring Oma. The only six-round bout to go the distance was the one between Buddy Garcia, 135, of Galveston, Texas, and Tommy Mills, 139, Hempstead, L. I. Garcia won the decision after a fiercely-fought contest. Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien, 175¾, Tampa, Fla., scored with a well-directed left hook to the jaw of Napoleon Mitchell, 197, Philadelphia, Negro, putting him out in 1:43 of the first round.

Billy Fox, 161¾, Philadelphia Negro kayo artist, made it 30 knockouts in a row in 30 professional starts when he landed a left hook to the body of Freddie Flores, 163, Jamaica, L. I.; and Freddie was counted out towards the end of the first round.

Jerry LaStarza, 165, West Side, counter-punched Dave Carver, 162½, Bronx, into submission in one minute and forty-one seconds of the first round. A substitute bout showed Joey DeJohn, 149, Syracuse, in a draw with Jimmy Mills, 144½, Cleveland, and in the opening bout Pete Martinez, 143½, the Bronx, proved too strong for Gunnar Larson, 138, Sweden, after four rounds of furious milling. The attendance was 16,283 people, who paid $63,266 to witness the bouts.

Joe Louis was introduced before the principals went into action and as he walked towards Mauriello's corner before leaving the ring, Tami playfully threw a left hook at Boss Joe for which he'll never feel sorry. It'll be about the only punch he'll ever be able to throw at the Champ. Tami is definitely through and would do well to hang up his gloves. The boxing game is for ambitious, hungry kids who are eager to go places and not for successful bartenders.

Danny Bartfield, East Side, engaged George (Dusty) Brown, Wilmington, Del., in the feature bout scheduled for eight rounds at the Ridgewood Grove Sporting Arena. Bartfield succeeded in scoring a knockout in five rounds, but not until he ran into some very trying moments. Danny is matched with Morris Reif in the main event at Madison Square Garden on the 29th of December, and took this match as a warm-up. Some warm-up, I'll say! Brown put up a stubborn battle and was saved by the bell on three separate occasions. Dusty was down six times in all and when a solid right to the jaw dropped him for the seventh time, the referee signalled to Brown's corner that it was all over. Brown was on his feet protesting, but it was getting a bit monotonous at that.

Willie Beltram, stablemate of Bartfield, looked very good in winning a six-round decision over Leroy Saunders of Harlem. Jackie Connolly, 135, protege of Jimmy Johnston, outclassed Benny Saladino of Brooklyn, forcing the referee to stop the bout, ruling Connolly the winner in the fourth round.

Davey Feld, 165, Brooklyn, scored with a hard right to the button of Ralph Tiovelli, 162, Poughkeepsie, flattening Ralph in the second session. In the opening bout, Lew Perez, Puerto Rico, again beat his rival, Jerry McGee, Augusta, Ga., in six rounds. This bout was originally scheduled as a four-rounder, but due to one of the scheduled fours not showing up, two rounds were added.

BALTIMORE, MD., FISTIC FARE

By NATE PHILLIPS

THE Century A.C. showed Lee Oma and Al Blake in the feature attraction of ten rounds and Al went right after his much-famed foe to carry the fight right to Lee, with Lee just biding his time and taking it coolly. He stuck plenty of lefts into Blake's face and occasionally let a hard right go that seemed to find its mark. Round after round this kept up, with Blake still forcing the fight but taking a terrific boxing lesson while doing so. At the end of the eight, Blake's eye was in very bad shape and the referee stopped the fight, awarding it to Oma via a T.K.O.

In sixes, Jerome Pratt and Jimmy Briscoe put on a private war that was called a draw. The verdict met with the approval of the fans.

In another six, George Williams was mighty lucky to get the duke over Tommy Mollis. George roughed it up considerably in the last round to throw Tommy all over the ring. Tommy had a good lead going into the last round. In fours, Randolph Brooks won over Gene Kochs and Sambo belted out Randolf Thom in the third of a slugfest.

At the same Century Club, Pop Eye Woods fought Baltimore's pride, Howard Bennett. Class predominated, when Woods made a show of his opponent, who was at a loss to fathom Pop Eye's ring generalship. In the eighth, a series of rights and lefts sent Howard down for the count.

In sixes, Stoney Jackson and Carrington McNutt hooked up in a good draw. Buck Streator and Joe Donifrio fought in a six-round mill that was very exciting. Joe's eye was badly cut at the end of the fifth and the doctor stepped in and ordered the fight stopped. Two fours completed this show which was a good one from start to finish.

The Century Club showed Buddy Walker and a newcomer from the Coast, Yancey Henry, in one of its weekly ten-rounders. Buddy took the play away from Yancey, who would only fight in spots, but when he did, the Coast boy made it interesting. Walker was not to be denied, however, and took everything that Yancey had to offer, and even survived a nine-count knockdown in the last round to win the duke.

In the sixes, Jimmy Bell clashed with Dan Biggers. It turned out to be a corker, with Jimmy getting the nod. Cue Ball Young fought Frankie Gillem in a humdinger as long as it went. Frankie suffered a fracture in the fifth and could not continue.

In fours, Lee Robinson won over Lou Phillips and Rudolf Brooks won over Gene Kochs.

The Century Club also showed Lee Q. Murray and Buddy Walker in a main go of ten rounds. A right to the whiskers dumped Buddy for the count after an even two rounds. In the sixes, Johnny Allen won over Charley Crump in a good contest, and Clint Conway won over Rudy Marshall. In fours, Sambo belted out Lou Phillips in two and Rudolf Brooks and John Alexander battled to a draw.

The same club had Walter Pop Eye Woods and Berlie Lanier face each other in a ten-rounder. After a good showing by Burley, who forced the fight, the decision went to Pop Eye on a split vote. Many thought it should have been even. This was a very good battle that the fans enjoyed very much.

In sixes, Pedro Firpo won the duke over Young Beau Jack in a slam-bang affair, and Bob Winters belted out Jerome Pratt with a hard right under the heart in the third. Two fours completed the show in which Joe Louis refereed the main event.

The Century Club presented Carmine Fatta and Cleo Shans in a main event set for ten rounds. Carmine went after Cleo and won the first two rounds handily by standing off and landing some telling blows to the head and body of Cleo, who seemed to be biding his time. Cleo was rewarded in the third when he cornered Fatta and battered him helpless, with the bell sounding and Fatta being out on the floor. His seconds worked over him and when the bell sounded for the fourth they wouldn't let him come out. Fatta tried to move to the center of the ring, but his seconds held him back. He was in no shape to continue and the duke went to Shans via a T.K.O. This was a very exciting contest as long as it lasted.

In sixes, Jimmy Briscoe won over Charley Milazzo in a good fracas, and Wesley Mouzon, a newcomer from Philadelphia, met with the approval of the fans when he won from the ever-trying Harry Diduck.

In fours, Steve Gallan belted out Tony Nelson in the second, and Sambo, an importation from New York, belted out Porter Gaston in one.

The Century Club showed Lee Q. Murray and Yancey Henry in the feature attraction of ten rounds with Yancey carrying the fight to Lee who was content to let Yancey take the play away from him. Lee went to work and carried off the second round, and the third was even. When the fourth opened, Lee opened up, too. A hard right dropped Henry for nine and another dumped him for keeps in this round.

In sixes, Jimmy Bell and John Q. Thomas slammed banged each other in their battle, with the contest being called even. Carrington McNutt won over Dan Biggers in a rousing contest, and in fours Lee Robinson won over Jimmy Morrow and Hot Dog Rice won in two over Steve Gallan. The show was well attended, drawing close to $6000.

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LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

SAM SILVERMAN, New England's outstanding promoter, visited New York in order to sign up some new talent for his clubs. Bill Daly, New Jersey fight manager, was praised by ringsiders for his excellent work on Joe Reddick's badly cut eye in his first meeting with Jimmy Nelson. Bobby Zollo, former amateur star, has won his five pro fights in impressive style. Doc Avery has informed me that Walter Speedy DuVall will now campaign in the light-heavy class. Morris Fish, local sportsman, has recovered from wounds received at the Italian battlefront and is now stationed in North Africa. Billy Wilson is now being handled by Joe DeRosa and Frankie Travis. Hiram Brown is fighting under the name of Joe Jackson. Joe Celletti, lightweight champ of Walsh-Kaiser shipyard, usually has a large delegation from the shipyard to cheer for him. Joe always takes part in a good fight and his windmill style is well liked by the crowd.

Sport fans were saddened by the death of John T. Toomey, prominent sportsman, who was known as the "Boy Promoter." Frank Genovese, former contender for the welterweight crown and 147-160-pound champ of Canada, is making a comeback. Frankie has received an honorable discharge from the Canadian army after serving 27 months.

Johnny Barbara, Sp. 2/c A, former Chicago welterweight, who fought Fritzie Zivic four times, and many leading welters, is stationed at Quonset Point, where he is one of Gene Tunney's athletic directors. Barbara was at the Auditorium to root for his matey, Jimmy Nelson. Rev. A. F. Mendes of the Holy Rosary Church has left for William and Mary College, where he will take a six-week course to prepare him for his duties as a chaplain in the Navy. At Holy Rosary he was in charge of athletics and had many a winning team. Ivan Mikailoff, the local wrestling boss, once toured the world as "The Mad Russian." He presents wrestling at the Elks' Auditorium on Tuesdays.

Manny Almeida is convinced that there are not enough boxing fans here to support two shows in the same week. Manny's latest venture cost him $700. Frank Matzek, local sport scribe, thought that Reddick won the first bout with Nelson, and Nelson the second, just the opposite of the decision rendered by the officials.

Ben Macualan is one of the best referees in Rhode Island. His work has been highly praised.

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Results of the month: Elks' Auditorium—The Downtown A. C. with Manny Almeida and Jack Farley at the helm, presented their initial show before a disappointing gathering of only about 500 patrons who paid $905.60. Harry Jeffra, 130¾, Baltimore, defeated Charley Noel, 124, Brooklyn, in the ten-round main feature. Jeffra, an old master at the art of boxing, gave young Noel a boxing lesson in an interesting battle. Joe Gillis, 144¼, New Haven, defeated Johnny Cool, 140¾, Worcester, in a semi-final eight-rounder. Joe Celletti, 144½, East Providence, beat Billy Wilson, 138½, Providence, in a six. Charley Sardo, 169, Revere, T.K.O.'ed Billy Williams, 169½, Boston, in the second round of another six.

Rhode Island Auditorium—Schoolboy Jerry Berthiaume, 175, Montreal, continued to dispose of all opposition thrown at him by K.O.'ing Al Carpenter, 184, Boston, in the second round of a ten-round co-feature. Sammy Mammone, 146, Stanford, surprised the crowd when he K.O.'ed Sid Miller, 153, Youngstown, in two rounds in the other ten. Jimmy Ruzzo, 184, West Warwick, returned to the ring after a few months' absence and chalks up his 14th consecutive K.O. at the expense of Eddie Adourian, 172, Cranston, in the first round of a six. Al Michaud, 138, Lisbon, beat Johnny Priest, 135, Cambridge, in another six. Joe Montiero, 130, Wareham, snapped Ernie Guisti's 12th consecutive victory string by gaining a first-round T.K.O. after he hit Guisti on the Adam's apple, forcing Ernie to gag. Manager Larry McManus wouldn't allow his charge to answer the bell for the second round.

Rhode Island Auditorium—Jimmy Nelson, 174, Cleveland overstuffed middleweight, made his first appearance here and under a new manager, namely, Leo P. Bradley, defeated Joe Reddick, 167¼, Paterson, a 1-2 favorite, on a unanimous decision in a furious battle. Nelson employed a left jab and hard right to Reddick's head and face, closing Reddick's left eye and staggering him in a couple of the rounds. Reddick, however, was much superior in the infighting and kept boring in all the time, slugging it out with Nelson on many occasions. Jimmy Ruzzo, 182, West Warwick, made Nick Rabin, 191, New York, his 15th consecutive victim. Ruzzo K.O.'ed Rabin in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round semi-final. Frank Genovese, 176, Toronto, K.O.'ed Babe Overland, 177, New York Negro, in the second round of a six. Joe Montiero, 129, Wareham, seems to have the Indian sign on Ernie Guisti, 135, West Warwick, who was K.O.'ed in the first round of another six. Buddy Hays, 128, Revere, was awarded a fourth-round T.K.O. by Referee Sharkey Buonano over Martin Pemba, 133, Boston.

Rhode Island Auditorium—Schoolboy Jerry Berthiaume, 177¼, Montreal, entered the ring a 1-4 favorite to defeat Louis Long, 192½, Chicago Negro, in a 10-round feature bout before 1753 patrons, who paid a gross of $3478. Long K.O.'ed Berthiaume in 1:18 of the last round after giving him a bad beating. Jolting Jimmy Ruzzo, 181½, West Warwick, K.O.'ed Joe Thomas, 194¼, Trenton, N. J., in 2:57 in the first round of a scheduled ten. Billy Wilson, 135¼, Providence, K.O.'ed Walter Gomez, 141, New Bedford, in 2:37 of the first round in a six. Ernie Guisti, 134, West Warwick, K.O.'ed Matty Robinson, 141, Worcester, in 49 seconds of the fourth in an opening six. This was Guisti's last fight before leaving for the Army. Good luck, Ernie.

Rhode Island Auditorium—Cannonball Joe Reddick, 165¾, Paterson, N. J., defeated Jimmy Nelson, 170¼, Cleveland sailor, in a torrid ten-round main event return go. As in the first battle the action was fast, but this time Reddick rallied to win the tenth round and gain a split decision. Nelson used a hard left to good advantage. Reddick again excelled in the infighting. Gene Boulden, 150¾, Fox Point, K.O. artist, stopped Billy O'Leary, 155, South Boston, in 1:33 of the second round of a scheduled eight-round semi-final. O'Leary is better known as Irish Billy Connerty. Don Card, 187, Providence, K.O.'ed Babe Overland, 180½, New York, in 15 seconds of the third round in a six. Young Tiger Flowers, 138, Worcester, K.O.'ed Billy Wilson, 137½, Providence, in 2:18 of the fourth of another six. In a four, Tony Ferry, 126, Fall River, stopped Joe Monaco, 126, Providence, in two rounds. 1271 paid a gross gate of $2263.

Elks' Auditorium—Charley (Cabey) Lewis, 127, Brooklyn, K.O.'ed Gene Gregory, 131½, New Haven, in 1:29 of the first round of a ten-round main event. In the semi-final eight-round bout between Gene Boulden, 150, Providence, and Joe Gillis, 153, Boston, it was declared no contest by Referee Tim Ferrick in the sixth round. Charley Sardo, winning with ease, received a cut head in his bout with Alex Reback, Pawtucket, and Doc Flanagan would not allow the bout to continue. Referee Ben Macaulan awarded a T.K.O. for Reback in the third of a six. Buddy Hays, 128, Boston, K.O.'ed Benny Revere, 130, Webster, Mass., in the first of a six. Marty Pemba, 136½, East Boston, K.O.'ed Tony Mande, 140, Webster, Mass., in the first of a four. 602 paid a gross of $1283.28.

Rhode Island Auditorium—Bobby Zollo, 147¼, East Providence, K.O.'ed Jean Paul Green, 154, Montreal, in 2:50 in the third round of a ten. Jolting Jimmy Ruzzo, 176½, West Warwick, K.O.'ed Steve Barry, 211, Passaic, N. J., in 1:07 in the second round of another ten for his 17th consecutive K.O. Frankie Ross, 146, Boston, defeated Al Pinel, 152, New Bedford, in six. Tony Ferry, 126, Fall River, K.O.'ed Buddy Hays, 126, Revere, in 2:14 of the fourth of another six. George Butler, 120, Waterbury, Conn., K.O.'ed Billy Farmer, 126, Boston, in 1:14 in the second round of an opening four. 1433 patrons paid $3139.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

ST. LOUIS had its first pro show of December on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor's sneak punch by the Japs, and the spectators were treated to some real punching by the principals, who gave the fans a fine performance. In the main event Charley Dodson, 160-pounder from St. Louis, knocked out R. J. Lewis of Denver in the third round. Charley proved the better man from the very start. He went after his opponent hard and ended matters quickly.

Sgt. Savey Canadeo, 144, of Green Bay, Wis., outpointed Gene Gudgill, 147, of Dayton, O., in the sixth round.

Cpl. Buddy Gomer, from St. Paul, Minn., and now stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo., at one time held the Mississippi Valley A.A.U. middleweight championship. Cpl. Gomer has won several titles in different California camps and lost only two out of fifteen pro fights on the Pacific Coast.

Charlie Riley, the St. Louis Negro lightweight, is rated highly by experts. Charlie blasted out Eddie Scott of Detroit in the second stanza recently in Minneapolis. Riley was in top form as he punished Scott with lefts and rights and finally dropped him with a sleep-producing right hand. It was Riley's thirty-first consecutive victory in the professional field and his twenty-seventh K.O. On the same card Savey Canadeo, a welterweight from Green Bay, Wis., who is at the present time stationed at Scott Field, Ill., won a six-round decision over Johnny Vorce of Detroit.

Cpl. Bernie Reyes of the Army, formerly the boxing coach at Camp Kohler, Cal., is now stationed in Missouri at Camp Crowder. Cpl. Reyes fought professionally in California as a bantamweight until his retirement two years ago.

Arthur G. Heyne, chairman of the Missouri State Boxing and Wrestling Commission, was one of the more fortunate Missourians during the two-day deer season recently. Heyne bagged a buck that weighed over 200 pounds on the opening day with a 40-yard shot.

A team of hand-picked Simon Pures from St. Louis journeyed to Kansas City recently to engage the selected team of Kansas Citians in an inter-city amateur boxing card, which was witnessed by 2500 spectators. The West Side of Missouri boys were in peak condition as a result of several inter-club cards, whereas the last competition the St. Louis amateurs had was the Golden Gloves and A.A.U. tournaments in the early part of 1944, so thereby hangs the tale. The St. Louis team finished on the short end, winning only two bouts, with Kansas City winning five bouts. Results of the card follow:

Joe Rima, K.C., 135, stopped Ignatius Page, St. Louis, 135, in the second round.

Bert Gibson, K.C., 148, won the decision over Bob Mohler, St. Louis, 148, in three rounds.

Joe Haskins, K.C., 160, got the nod over Alonzo Karr, St. Louis, 160, in three rounds.

Jackie Darthard, K.C., 126, won from Eldon Chadek, St. Louis, 126, in three.

Joe Forman, K.C., 160, won from Willie Jackson, St. Louis, 160, in three.

Alvin Freeman, St. Louis, 118, won a three-round decision from Edmond Carr, K.C., 118.

Harold McComy, St. Louis, 112, won over Frank Rivera, K.C., 112, in three rounds.

Cpl. Al LaPlant of the Army, known here as Shorty LaPlant, is now a patient in the Army Station Hospital, Ward 60, at Camp Butner. Cpl. LaPlant at the time of his entry into the service was coaching the Quincy, Ill., Simon Pure teams in the Golden Gloves and continued his coaching activities at various camps and posts while in the service. Shorty would like very much to hear from his friends.

It seems as if at last that amateur boxing is going to get the chance here in St. Louis that it so richly deserves. The Keys Club, an organization of Kirkwood, Mo. (suburb of St. Louis), which includes a membership of some 350 business men and civic leaders of the community, have announced their intentions of sponsoring the amateur cards which will be held at Kiel Auditorium. Officers of the club are Frank Kotinek, president; John Burke, first vice-president; T. W. Halloran, second vice-president; Herman Koetting, treasurer; Rev. A. E. Westhoff, W. J. Riley, Leo Hoar and John Walsh, members of the Board of Governors, and Thomas Bisch, secretary of the board.

The bouts will be of the inter-city variety.

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions is about to celebrate its tenth birthday. Definite plans are under way at the present time for staging the annual tourney. The location of this most colorful and sporting tournament is being shifted from Kiel Auditorium to the Oakland Avenue Arena due to the larger seating capacity of the Arena, where thousands of more choice seats are available. This year there will be three classes of competition, the sub-novice class, which includes all boys in the 13 to 15 age bracket, novice division for inexperienced boys over 16, and the open division for experienced boys who are 16 years and over. The dates for the tournament have been announced as February 12, 13, 14 and 16, with three rings being under fire for the first three nights and only one ring being used the 16th, the night of the all-important championship deciding bouts.

Carlos (Babe) Rodriguez, a very popular heavyweight wrestler in St. Louis, but who was most active in the southern states, is now a Sp. (A) 3/c in the Navy and stationed at Treasure Island at San Francisco, where he is an instructor. Rodriguez plans to continue in the grappling business when he returns to civilian life.

Four St. Louis amateur clubs have at this time started prepping the amateur glove slingers in the ways and rules and regulations of the Golden Glove Tournament. Among the clubs so far signed in for the gloves meet is the newcomer, the Typo A. C., coached by the Veteran John Connelly, who was the trainer of Billy Beauhuld, who held the National A.A.U. championship and who campaigned so successfully around the eastern pro circuit as a welterweight.

Joe Weber is in again as coach with the South Broadway A. C., the club that is always there with the "Umph." Another club that always provides plenty of trouble for their rival clubs is the Buder Community Center, which is coached by the very able Harry Allen and whose boys always provide a lot of headaches for the opposition. Paul Spica is back again this year as a coach. Other clubs and gymnasiums are organizing and getting ready for the big February Amateur Fistic Extravaganza. So, for action, thrills and color it seems as if this year's Tournament of Champions will reach an all-time high from all angles.

Don't forget to send items and boxing news of interest to readers of this column to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis Street, De Soto, Mo. News of fighters now in the service will be most welcome and all letters will be answered. So let us hear from you.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

A NEAR capacity crowd journeyed to Turner's Arena to see Sam Sobel's heavyweight find, Dixie Oliver, score a nine-round T.K.O. win over the veteran Philadelphian, Gus Dorazio. For the first five rounds, Oliver who weighed 192 pounds to Gus' 209 pounds, was giving a good account of himself, flicking a left to the head and landing with hard right smashes frequently.

It was apparent to all that Dorazio was troubled by a Charleyhorse in the closing seconds of the sixth.

In the seventh, Dixie dropped Dorazio for an eight-count but couldn't finish him. At the end of the round, Dr. John DeMayo wanted to stop it but relented when Dorazio pleaded to let it go another round.

In the eighth, Gus looked better in holding Oliver all-even but seeing that he couldn't work out the cramp in his leg, Gus decided to call it a night.

The semi-windup saw Jimmy Briscoe, 141½, Washington, slug out a six-round decision over Tough Rock 'Em Jackson, 146, Philadelphia. During the entire distance both boys continually threw leather. It was an action-packed bout well liked by the customers.

Three four-round preliminaries featuring all local boys, resulted in good bouts, with Arthur Jeter, 180 pounds, outpointing Al Davis, 183 pounds, Smuggy Hersey, 145 pounds, decisioning Willie Snead, 150, and Charley Bernard, 190, winning from Joe Green, 180.

Four thousand sixty-eight fistic fans turned out to see Sgt. Joe Louis in an exhibition match with Jimmy Bell, a local heavy at Uline's Arena. The Brown Bomber weighing 214 pounds, proved he still had that sting and had he extended himself he could have put Bell away. It's true that Joe is on the plump side, but three months in a training camp would surely make him the champ of old.

The Bee Bee Wright-Lige Drew encounter was a slow 8-round bout with Wright getting the nod. The judges awarded the Pittsburgh lad the duke due to his long distance punching. Wright scaled 147, to the California lad's 146.

Another eight featured the good looking prospect Jimmy Doyle, 150 pounds, Los Angeles, in a kayo win over Ernie Butler, 143, Washington. The referee stopped it in 1:50 of the fifth.

Two sixes completed the card. Bobby La Londe, 138, Detroit, stopped Wade Allison, 136, Charlotte, in 1:35 of the fifth and Chuck Taylor, 146, Pittsburgh, kayoed Early Hamilton, 146, Charlotte, in 1:34 of the second. Gate for this card was $13,002.55.

At Uline's Arena, Willie Pep, 128, Hartford, Conn., who holds the world featherweight title, gave Pedro Hernandez, 131½, New York City, a ten-round boxing lesson in an over the weight, non-title bout. Inclement weather kept the attendance down to 1483 persons, but those who braved the elements, saw the champ at his best. It was all Pep save for the fifth round when Hernandez unleashed his big guns momentarily to cause Pep to blink and hold on for a moment.

Willie was forever pushing a shaky left into Pedro's face, and when Hernandez raised his gloves to protect himself—bing-bing, right into the stomach went that left. Pedro tried to make a go of it but every time he threw a punch he got six in return.

In the semi-final, Georgie Parks, 184, Washington, knocked out Jimmy Bell, 183, Washington, in 41 seconds of the first round of a scheduled eight. Bell led off by snapping lefts into Parks' face, keeping away from Georgie's power house right, but Parks went right on for the kill and floored Jimmy with a vicious left hook and Bell took the nine count. On arising, Parks went after Bell. He hooked twice with lefts and a sweetheart of a right, and out went his rival. Bell had a long sleep.

Two sixes made up the rest of the card. In one, Bee Bee Washington, 161½, Washington, was awarded the duke over Al Johnson, 163, N.Y.C., in 2:26 of the sixth when the referee stopped it. The opening six went 3 rounds and Smuggy Hersey, 146, Washington, was awarded a 4-round T.K.O. win over Chuck Taylor, 151, Washington, due to a cut eye.

Gross gate for this one $4,428.56, very poor.

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CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

DANNY WEBB, Negro local featherweight, who went overseas as a Canadian Army private three years ago, is now the sensation of British ringdom, highlighting a brilliant record with decisive victories over the noted Kid Tanner and Jackie Paterson, world's flyweight champion. His sensational three-round triumph over Paterson attracted the attention of the entire boxing world and added another Horatio Alger story to fistic annals. Four years ago, when Webb was struggling for a break hereabouts, there were few to offer a helping hand—now everybody is trying to climb on the bandwagon.

Four years ago hardly a fight manager or promoter could see any potential class in the dusky flash to warrant showing any interest in it. Yours truly knows, because he tried to get the lad on several cards but in vain, except getting him matched up with Young Lamothe, former Canadian flyweight king, on Desse Green's card in the Verdun Auditorium, located in an outlying suburb. Oliver Shanks, local heavyweight, headlined the show in a mixed bout with the wrestler, Jack Riley, and kayoed Riley in the third round. Webb swarmed all over Lamothe, easily winning every round, but lacked the punching power he has today. We wrote to several promoters after that, but no action was offered.

Now his would-be managers are popping up like mushrooms claiming they have his contract, but the flavor doesn't taste genuine to us. Nelson Wiseman, local sportsman, who is also well known in theatrical and night club circles, is his legal manager and has an iron-clad seven-year contract to prove it, with more than half of it still to run. His partner and co-manager is your correspondent, who was originally retained as advisor and counsellor.

Shortly before signing the fighter up, Wiseman called up yours truly and asked our opinion of Webb as a prospect. On being told Webb was already a good fighter and likely to be a great fighter, a prospect well worth encouraging. Wiseman declared he would take our advice and sign him though yours truly was the first member of the "fistic fraternity" not to tell him he was wasting his time. Wiseman took the lad in tow, brought him to the Y.M.C.A. for training, rubdowns, swimming and handball, financed him along with George Panos, popular theatrical magnate, who also thought Webb had a fistic future.

Fights were still hard to get, but finally a semi-final ballpark match was made, with the help of Harry Sheppard, for a non-title bout with Eddie Petrin, Canadian bantam champ. Webb won easily in a one-sided match and shortly after joined the army. He has since proven the faith of his sponsor, Nelson Wiseman, who comes naturally by his interest in boxing and boxers as his father is the noted Dr. Max Wiseman, the original physician for the Montreal Boxing Commission. When he returns, Webb should reap richly as Canada's top boxing attraction.

Johnny Greco, Montreal's slugging welter hope, came through with the most impressive triumph of his career in a sensational battle with Bobby Ruffin in Madison Square Garden. This is the third time he has scored smash hits in Garden top spots and there is no doubt that he is one of the most colorful performers in the game. A more detailed story of the Ruffin fight will be found elsewhere in this issue.

There is still some urging in Montreal for a Greco-Castilloux match but it is unlikely the match will ever take place.

Wilfe Shanks, brilliant Montreal middleweight, came off the floor twice to beat Joe Bennett, sharpshooting New York Negro, after whipping Lew Perez in Albany and Arnold Deer in Detroit. The busiest Canadian fighter for the second successive year, Shanks has compiled a grand record for 1944, suffering only three losses, all of them questionable decisions. He is steering clear of Hartford, Conn., in the future, where the referee is the sole judge. He gave Jerry Maloni, his old Springfield rival, a boxing lesson there, only to have the referee give it to Maloni on a "45-43" point count. Bill Lee, sports editor of the Hartford *Daily Courant*, said that the referee must have been looking at another fight as he gave Shanks seven rounds, called two even and gave the wild-swinging Maloni only one.

Eddie Quinn presented a bang-up Forum sh without either Greco or Castilloux, or any oth big name, in the main bout. The promoter tri a policy long advocated by yours truly when h paired up a rising pair of featherweights in a all-local bout, with Louis Alter hooking up wi Florian Bibeau in the feature of three ten-roun ers. The hard-hitting pair, scaling under 1 pounds, staged a corking scrap with Alter earnin the nod. Bibeau boxed cautiously for the first fi rounds and the aggressive Alter piled up a le that couldn't be overcome though Bibeau stag a blazing offensive from the sixth round on. B boys were in distress at times and the fans g some thrills in the ding-dong action. A remat in late January would be a "natural."

The scheduled ten-round semi-final didn't far when Kid Tunero, veteran Cuban middleweig crossed a whizzing right hand to Al Evans' j midway through the first round and it was over. The local Negro got up but was helpless out on his feet.

It was a terrific surprise, as Evans is not for his ruggedness. In the other scheduled te rounder, Walter "Popeye" Woods was too shif and sharpshooting for Tiger Lou Jones, flatten the Negro in the eighth round. Rajah Sabu, pro ising Hindu welter, punched too hard and oft for Jackie Brace, clever Air Force boxer, in hot six-rounder, while Fernand Demers' hea artillery sank Frankie Bernard in the second h of the scheduled four-round opener. Close to 5,0 paid over $6,000 for a modest profit.

STRAY SHOTS—Lots of talk going the roun as to whether Harry Ship or a new promoter w stage any shows this winter . . . . Eddie Qui plans several cards . . . . Marcel Fournier is ing in great style in Florida, where he made big hit with the fans . . . . the local feath weight has six straight wins at this writing . . . mostly around Miami and West Palm Beach . . . on his return he rates a title bout with Gus M Canadian featherweight champion . . . . Mell t into a Tartar when he resumed his campaign New York . . . . he had to get up off the fl to whip Al Pennino, a pretty fair battler . . . it's always a recommendation when they can up off the floor and win . . . . well, 1945 h good for fistic doings . . . . looks like Vict Year over the Nasties . . . . Happy New Y to All.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

DAVE CLARK, young Negro Cincinnati m dleweight, handled by Abe Skurow and Ha Hartman, looks like the answer to any t promoter's prayer in this section. Clark loo like a million at Indianapolis on the night of N vember 25, when he defeated Roland Hopp in rounds.

Hopp, weighing 159 pounds, offered little position for Clark, who had the Hoosier on verge of a knockout in the fourth frame.

The Skurow-Hartman combine also have s eral other good boys and from present indicati will have the gun on post-war managers in t area.

Tony Janiro, little Youngstown, Ohio, feat weight, is the rage of eastern rings. Again November 29th, Tony moved into a higher c rating when he outwalloped Charlie Watkins full-fledged lightweight, at Elizabeth, N. J. Ju would make a grand offering in Cleveland, w city tops the heap of the Buckeye state for act

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Docusen made his professional debut in 1943. He fought 18 professional fights, including his battle with Jackie Graves on December 11. Bernard was held to two six-round draws, one with Tommy Rotolo and another with Nick Camarata. He defeated Camarata in a return bout and stopped Chinese Eddie Lee in three rounds. Lee had been awarded a Texas decision over Docusen in a bout staged at Houston, Tex., July 10.

This writer predicted when Docusen turned professional on February 8, 1943, that he was a pocket edition of Joe Mandot, the one-time lightweight pride of the South, and that Docusen would become as good a box office attraction as did Mandot. If Docusen continues his winning ways until he reaches the age of 18 years, next June, and he is stepped up into the eight-round game, he will outdraw any gate Mandot or Happy Littleton drew here in an outdoor show with a nationally known lightweight fighter.

Docusen's handlers, Whitey Esneault and this writer, do not allow the kid to engage in bouts longer than six rounds. Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond, who have Docusen signed exclusively for his next three appearances in a local ring, have a gold mine attraction in Bernard.

In Docusen's six-round draw with strong and tough Tommy Rotolo, Rome, N. Y., lightweight, staged by the Messina-Raymond combine on November 6, 1943, the net payoff was $4,822.84. Bernard, in his six-round victory over Al Irwin, Minnesota lightweight, staged by Heard Ragas and Emile Bruneau, November 13, paid off on $4,300.52 net.

Messina and Raymond staged the Docusen-Chinese Eddie Lee bout, October 23, and they drew a net gate of $4,277.43. The return six-round bout between Nickie Camarata and Docusen, staged by the Ragas-Bruneau combine October 2, 1944, drew a net payoff of $4,629.53. In their first meeting, August 28, the net gate was $3,780.64.

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Tommy Rotolo, 23-year-old protege of George Winn, product of the farming section in upstate Rome, N. Y., is a very popular visiting fighter here.

Rotolo on December 4 gave Mexican Baby Gonzales, protege of Gus Wilson, former trainer of Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier, a decisive trouncing, winning nine of the ten rounds from the Los Angeles cutie, who does little leading and is a reformed southpaw.

Steve Vaccarelli, New York lightweight, is another Easterner who is well liked here. Vaccarelli and Baby Gonzales fought a ten-round draw on November 20. Vaccarelli one week later gave Guy Serean a terrific ten-round lacing. Serean should take Fred Digby's advice. Digby, sports editor of the New Orleans *Item*, disapproved Serean's latest comeback which wound up with the Vaccarelli fight in which the Idaho fighter took the worst pasting of his career.

Maxie Docusen, 16-year-old brother of Bernard, turned professional recently and won two four-round decisions over Ray Smith at this writing. Maxie should have been kept in the amateur game for at least another 18 months as it will be tough finding the proper competition for a youngster of his age in the professional preliminary game. This writer does not advise amateurs who are not matured and seasoned to turn to the money ranks as the professional fight game is a hard one.

Augie Lapara, a fine little featherweight, who earned his spurs in the medal game and who holds two decisions over Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn., scored in the amateur ranks, has been undefeated as a professional and Minneapolis promoters have a natural in Lapara versus Graves. How about it, Promoter Tony Stecher?

A crack middleweight, Louis Rousse, former star in the trophy and medal ranks, bids fair to be the best big man developed locally since Marty Burke, Happy Littleton and Young Denny. Rousse is a middleweight, at present. He can box, hit and is fast for a big man and can take a good smack. Managed by Arthur (Blue) Combel, Rousse will be a big drawing card here in 1945. Manager Combel can be reached at 1810 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans.

Buddy Scott, Dallas, Texas, heavyweight, is easily the No. 1 man of the Southern heavyweights and Manager Eddie Sears has a real good heavyweight in Scott. Scott is entitled to matches against the leading white and Negro challengers and California promoters or Chicago promoters would find him just the type of fighter to bust the Elmer "Violent" Ray ballyhoo.

Eddie Coulon, the one-time bantamweight title contender, who represented the A.E.F. in the Inter-Allied tournament staged in London, England, after World War I, is now the outstanding third man and judge in these parts and his services are much in demand by the boxing commission and promoters.

Ike Morales, former clerk for the Louisiana Athletic Commission, is back as a boxing writer on Fred Digby's staff of the New Orleans *Item*. Ike knows his stuff. Robert Heim and Tom Littleton, members of the Louisiana Athletic Commission, are doing a swell job, and Governor Jimmie H. Davis and Hunter Huckaby, head of the state police, made no mistake by reappointing Heim and Littleton.

Promoter Louis Messina can be contacted at the Gypsy Tea Room, 1432 St. Ann Street, Phone Ma. 8985-8901. Matchmaker Lew Raymond can be reached at the Lynrose Hotel, 508 St. Charles Street, Phone Ma. 9986.

Whitey Esneault and the writer, who are partners in the top Dixie fistic stable with Bernard Docusen, the star of the stable, also handle Eddie Gettys, Augie Lapara, Pat Saia and others. Promoters can contact this writer at the DeSoto Hotel, Phone Ma. 4881. Esneault's address is 1628 Spain Street, Phone Cr. 2769.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

THE 19th annual *News* Christmas Fund Boxing Show, conducted by Ed Bang, nationally-known sportswriter, was a tremendous success. About 14,000 attended, contributing a gross gate of $74,641.13.

Joe Louis, scheduled to referee, spoke over the Cleveland radio station WTAM. He later received a wire from Army headquarters cancelling has appearance at the fight. His place was taken by Jimmy Bivins, who was recently released by Uncle Sam.

In the main event of 10 rounds, Willie Pep, 128, was entirely too fast and too clever for Chalky Wright, 132½. Pep had previously won the title from and successfully defended it against Chalky in close bouts, but this one was one-sided.

Ike Williams, 136½, looked like a champion in gaining a 10-round decision over fast and clever Lulu Costantino, 136¼. It was one of the best bouts ever seen in Cleveland with both boys going at top speed throughout.

Johnny Flynn, 212, knocked out Frankie Andoff, 195½, in the first round with a beautiful right cross.

Leroy Jackson, 125¼, made a big hit, winning by a T.K.O. over Lou Dell, 127, in the fourth.

The bout was stopped immediately after the close of the third round because of a bad cut over Lou's right eye, inflicted by a crisp left hook. Dell was down for a nine-count shortly before the bell in the third round. Jackson won the first two rounds, also, and his superiority became more marked as the bout progressed.

Pvt. Bob Blevins, 187, outpointed Gus Mulner, 188, in a pleasing five-round opener.

Cleveland boys, Chuck Hunter, Harry Teaney, Berry Wright and Leroy Jackson fought away from home. Chuck Hunter disposed of Henry Jordan in two rounds at Newark. Harry Teaney lost a close fight to Maxie Shapiro at Milwaukee. Berry Wright won his fight from Xavier Canadeo at Milwaukee, but the official decision was a draw. Leroy Jackson made a tremendous hit in Minneapolis, although losing a hair-line decision to Jackie Graves, local idol, in a six-round feature.

In the opinion of this writer and many of the fans, Leroy deserved at least a draw. It was a great fight and a rematch over a longer distance is in the making.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BOXING NEWS

By PVT. TOM EPHREM

(Sgt. Vic Ephrem, co-writer of this news in previous issues, was killed in action in France)

NAPLES, ITALY — Dixie Fleming, welterweight flash from Las Vegas, Nevada, dealt out considerable punishment upon the ancient Roman gladiator, Gustavo Ansini and Referee Frankie Milano called a halt in the second round. The bout was scheduled for five. Milano used good judgement. Ansini, seven years ago, fought the bantamweight champion, Panama Al Brown, in a 15-round contest.

A couple of scrappy Philadelphians, George Lyons and Dino (Zum-Zum) Caduto, met for the second time, and Georgie was able to even the score by taking a decision in 3 rounds.

A pair of Clevelanders, Dave Steinmuller and James McGowen, middleweights, went to a three-round draw. Leno Mastrangelo, Naples, lost to Dave Davies, of the British Army, but the decision was booed. They fought for four rounds. Nathan Baynard, Philadelphia, fought a draw with Angelo Ciotola of Naples. Jack Tatoulian, Chicago, drew in 3 rounds with Vince Alletta of Naples in the opening bout.

George (Baby Dutch) Culbertson, Negro American soldier from Brooklyn, serving Uncle Sam in Italy, has the distinction of being the fighter who threw the hardest blow that Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis has run across in years. This comes from the Champ himself and as a reward THE RING Editor has placed Culbertson's photo in THE RING.

Santiago (Jimmy) Quintana of Longmont, Colorado, who won the Inter-Allied welterweight championship in Algiers last February, has a brother who is adding to the family share of boxers, competing also as a welterweight. The brothers are in Italy with Uncle Sam's Forces. "Jimmy's" record shows about 11 defeats in 40 battles.

Andy Licari, promising Biwabik, Minnesota, welterweight, is a red hot favorite with the GI's in his sector of Italy. In 30 boxing matches, Andy has come across with 34 wins. He is a former Golden Gloves Champion of his section in Minnesota. In Italy, Licari scored several outstanding upsets, including that over Mike Montanino (Vinnie Rossano). Also possessing a good sock, the Minnesotan has compiled early round kayoes on the cards.

Reggie Marks, British Army boxer from London, England, trailed Rene Rodriquez of Norwich, Connecticut, for two rounds, then put Rene to sleep in the third. Just before the kayo wallop both boys were out of the ring, caused when Marks missed a left hook and fell on Rodriquez. Marks got back in the ring in 7 seconds, while Rene took nine.

Promising Andy Licari, a Minnesota product, came back from a 9 count in the first round and smashed Floyd Marshall of Tulsa, Oklahoma, until he had Floyd on Queer Street. The latter's condition called for a halt by the seconds who threw in the towel.

James Fair of Buffalo, N. Y., chilled Frank Pirino of Naples in 2 rounds.

Ira Boddie, heavyweight from Enid, Oklahoma, knocked out Tony Abrams of Chicago in the third heat.

Georgie Lyons, Philadelphia lad, won on a foul from Salvatore Umberto, Naples, in 3.

Walt Zippell of Hollywood, California, stopped Henry Hallenbeck, Sioux City, Iowa, in 3.

Raymond Syas, Sacramento, California, won on points from Mario Corillo, Naples.

Rod Smith of Baltimore decisioned Angelo Mastracinque of Salerno.

Somewhere in Italy—Sgt. Gerry Hall got his boxing shows off to a grand start, as his initial presentation before a solidly packed house gave the GI's many a reason for their enthusiasm. Being short of GI boxers did not dampen the spirits of the former featherweight boxer from Quincy, Mass. He got fighters for the show by approaching Italian cuffers from a nearby town, and succeeded in lining up eight bouts.

The hot action was wildly met with continuous cheers by the gallery gods. The curtain raiser found two Italian lads, Nardi Lougine, 118, and Valentino Sciponi, 118, exchanging blows in a three-rounder. They forgot caution and tore into each other like a pair of roosters, pounding on the entire distance to a draw. They received a thunderous hand from the crowd.

Pvt. Perry Mahto, 145, U. S. Army, did not waste any time. At the sound of the bell for the start of round one, he rushed into Santi Sterrantino, 142, and shot punch after punch at the latter, an Italian boxer, but Sterrantino fought back meeting blow for blow. One solid wallop from the American's hands found a target in the Italian's stomach, and down went Santi. Referee Gerry Hall stopped the bout after a minute and 20 seconds of round one.

Anselo Moratti, 123, and Servio Vanna, 126, went three rounds to a draw. Both are Italians. Sgt. Robert Pond, U. S. Army, 155, scored a kayo in the first round. His opponent, an Italian, Giovanni Sterrantino, also scaled 155.

Lucio Carti, 142, Italy, and Nardi Tomasso, Italy, 140, rocked each other with right handers. Carti's right wallopers came thick and fast in the last heat, and he carried off the decision.

Andrea Bassi, Italian 146½ pounder, jabbed and hooked his way to a decision over Pvt. S. Duncan, U. S. Army, 148 pounds. All the bouts above were three rounders, of two minutes duration.

The semi-final scrap, a three-three, saw two Italians clashing to a draw. Peno Esperto, 167, met Annela Antioni, 170, in this one.

The main event, which was scheduled for four 3-minute rounds, ended in third canto, with Cpl. Stanley Evans, U. S. Army, 185, the winner by a T.K.O. over Mario Crisostoni, Italy, 190, after a punching fiesta. Evans' opponent could not hold up under the bombardment, so the fight was stopped by Referee Hall. In justice to Crisostoni, the Italian boy did a good job against Evans. The latter fighter, Cpl. Stanley Evans, is a Detroit boy. This Negro soldier beat Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis when both were in the amateurs. Evans won the 1935 Detroit *Free Press* Golden Gloves 175-pound title and also the National A.A.U. 175-pound title in the same year. The latter title was won in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sgt. Hall's show was sponsored by the Service Group in his area, of which Lt. John Q. Herzog is Special Service Officer. Lt. Herzog, who admits he is an inexperienced hand in the boxing game, is however enthused over the sport being presented in his area, and has Sgt. Hall in full charge of the promotion. Staff Sergeant Albert O'Neil was timekeeper for the show, and the judges were Pvt. Gene Girard and Cpl. Leonard Jacobs.

Dick Madden, former well-known Boston, Mass., heavyweight fighter, is guarding Nazi prisoners of war in Italy. Dick fought some of the best in his time. He is a most interesting person to talk to—a swell fellow. We met him in Algiers, North Africa, in February, 1944, while on the Inter-Allied Boxing Championship Tournament.

Corporal Jim Palmer, the Fifth Army's amateur light-heavyweight representative in the Algiers Tournament, has been presented with the Silver Star. The award took place in Southern France. Jim saw heaps of combat on the Italian front previously, and no doubt he is experiencing the very same now. The Virginian is a swell "Joe."

Pfc. Cecil Shumway, the Dallas, Texas, amateur heavyweight champion in the North African Tourney at Algiers, writes that he is now in Southern France, and will not have the chance this time to enter the big Allied Tournament that will be held shortly in Rome, Italy.

Rome, Italy—While sectional championships are being fought in various Mediterranean localities, the Allied Sports Commission has named Rome as the site for the Mediterranean Theater Boxing Championships. Colonel Leon T. David, head of the NATOUSA Special Service, announced the selection. The bouts are to be staged in the Adrianna Theater, which seats 5,000, and two cards a day will be staged until the finals are reached. The U. S. Army Rest Center in Rome will be used for the training and all training paraphernalia has been installed there for the boys.

Lt. Gen. Mark Clark cabled the Commission that the Fifth Army would be unable to send a team for the preliminaries due to the combat situation. But the Commission hopes to have the Fifth and Eighth Armies send a team for the finals. If Gen. Clark accepts, five Fifth Army boxers, winners in their divisions in the Inter-Allied Boxing Tournament of Champions in Algiers, North Africa, will be back in quest of more glory. The five are: Pvt. Marshall Higa, pro bantamweight, Honolulu, Hawaii; Pvt. Tommy Guzzardo, amateur lightweight, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Pfc. Larry Cisneros, pro welterweight, Questa, New Mexico, and Hollywood, California; Pvt. Bobby Berry, pro light-heavyweight, Cleveland, Ohio; and Pvt. Cecil Shumway, amateur heavyweight, Dallas, Texas.

While winners in the Algiers meet were presented with belts, the Rome tourney winners will receive wrist watches, and runner-ups will get silver medals.

The Allied Sports Commission is trying to have the sectional champs of Southern France compete in the Rome tourney, but since all of France is under European Theater of Operations ruling, the Commission will have to contact the ETO officials to have the Delta Base Section (Southern France) boxers participate.

Seaman Dick Futter of Norwich, England, now at sea aboard a warship, writes in that his younger brother, Brian, a boxing fan and RING Reader, is taking good care of his RING Magazines at home.

Pfc. Cecil Shumway, Fifth Army's amateur heavyweight boxing champion from Dallas, Texas, was among those who made the invasion of Southern France on D-Day. Jimmy Palmer, amateur light-heavyweight boxer from Virginia, is holder of the Silver Star since getting into France.

Allen McCorvey, former high school welterweight boxer from Tampa, Florida, is in the Navy.

Somewhere in Italy—Sgt. Pete White, Jr., of New York (whose father Peter White, Sr., has the Salem-Crescent Club (boxing gym) in N.Y., is the head trainer for the boxers in his area. Pete is one of the finest natured soldiers we have ever seen.

Our pals, and former members of our hospital unit, Pvt. Robert E. (Bob) Ruell of Alpena, Michigan, and Tony (Pvt.) Coiro of New York City, are back home in the States. Tony is an ex-boxer.

Lt. Reuben (Ruby) Elkins of New York City, back in the States after two years in Tunisia and Italy, pens in to give some news about the game back in his home town, New York. "The boxing business is at present going full blast; most of the boys are being discharged; Stillman's Gym is once again humming with the usual pre-war activity," says Ruby.

Elkins paid a visit to THE RING Editor, Nat Fleischer, where the two had a pleasant and lengthy discussion. "Ruby" regards his brother Abe, as having two swell prospects in Phil Palmer, a welterweight, and Roosevelt Thomas, a heavyweight. At the time of the lieutenant's letter, each boy, Palmer and Thomas, vied for high honors with hitting out 5 knockouts apiece in as many times up, and making a big hit with New Yorkers. Elkins believes boxing is going to enjoy a prosperity that will be unequaled in the annals of fisticuffs. Ruby, after 3 weeks furlough, was assigned to a war prisoners' camp in Mississippi, where he is now stationed.

Saipan, Mariana Islands—Jumping from one Pacific isle to another for almost two years, Sgt. Carlos De Grasse, Jacksonville featherweight boxer, now is in Saipan. THE RING Magazine still follows him, he writes, wherever he goes.

Kodiak Island—Frank Cole, Jacksonville, Florida, boxer-wrestler, is stationed up here in this North Pacific isle near Alaska. Frank and his pals are set for the big job to come, the invasion of Japan, or the Kuriles invasion. At least it is their hope. Arthur Donovan, New York referee, is in Kodiak to referee the army championship bouts.

Johnny Blaine, former star Jacksonville, Florida, featherweight, is a boxing instructor at Camp Lee, Va. "Red" Turner, another fighter, is also there. Red contributes news to this corner. All the thanks to you, Buddy Red.

S/Sgt. George Gelfer, successful young Service fight promoter of North Africa and Italy programs, now back in the States, is in charge of shows at Brookley Field, Alabama. George states that there are quite a number of good boys at the gym.

Our notes now reach you all from Corsica, where we are stationed. Our unit's meritorious work achieved in its six months in North Africa, and slightly over 12 months in Sardinia, is noteworthy. We particularly refer to the praise of our patients, past and present, for treatment rendered them and their words are treasured and honored by every member of the medical company. Such becomes an added incentive for my pals to carry on their noble and humane work.

Boxing shows in Marseilles, France, have quite a number of favorites at the post, and several include Walter Bantum, Baltimore middleweight; Horace Thompson, Many, Louisiana, heavyweight; Claude Brown, Louisville, Kentucky heavyweight; Willie Sampson, New Orleans light-heavyweight, and Jack Beatty, Cincinnati, Ohio, light-heavyweight. They all are consistent performers for the programs under the matchmaking of Sgt. Bill Baranoff and Saul Jaffe. Baranoff also does most of the refereeing. Lt. Col. Charles E. Finnegan is the Special Service Chief for the D.B.S.

Marseilles, France—The Port Theater was the scene of a seven-bout card. Jimmy Johnson, 182, of Pittsburgh, Pa., hammered out a decisive victory over Willie Sampson, 178, New Orleans boxer, in a three-rounder. Two youngsters, Francis Augier, 127, and Young Manfre, 128, both of Marseilles, staged the best fight on the program, a three-rounder intended for an exhibition bout. Wild exchanges in every round gave the GI's plenty over which to shout. Walt Bantum of Baltimore spotted Emmett Smith of Bluefield, W. Va., everything but experience, and won the decision, taking every round. Smith, a 200-pounder, outweighed, outreached and was much bigger than Bantum, but Walter landed the solid ones throughout.

Elizah Long, 128, Pittsburgh, nodded over Luther Childs, 128, St. Louis; Camille Herth, 154, Chicago, won over Johnny Pascarella, 152, of New Castle, Pa.; Harvey Barns, 148, Washington, D. C., trounced George Banks, 152, Harrisburg, Pa., and Jack Beatty, 160, Cincinnati, beat Bernard Casparre, 160, Pittsburgh. The referee was Sgt. Bill Baranoff; judges, Capt. Owen Roberts, U. S. Maritime Service, and Capt. Ralph Horton of the Special Service. Announcing was Sgt. Mike Forman; timekeeper was Cpl. George Wassler, who was assisted by Capt. George Gertz, one of the three Americans who was issued a referee's license by the French Boxing Federation.

(Southern France)—Jimmy McNemanin, Philadelphia lad, who captured the Inter-Allied amateur bantamweight boxing crown in Algiers, North Africa, last February, is another boxing ace who

is appearing on the Bill Baranoff-Saul Jaffe cards in this area of Southern France.

(Marseilles, France)—A remodeled gym now harbors the daily training routine of fifty or more boxers, writes Sgt. Bill Baranoff, who matchmakes for the D.B.S. The gym, unused for a few years, took several weeks to finally emerge all polished and fit for use. A Stillman's Gym air is noted as the boys go through their paces in preparation for the weekly fistic cards.

On October 30, Bill dished out another program, with eight bouts on tap. Alphonse Johnson, weighing 118, scored a three-round win over Elizah Long of Pittsburgh at 121 pounds. A big boy battle between two heavyweights went to Emmett Smith, 200, of Bluefield, W. Va., as he punched out a one-round kayo over Huston Price, 201, of Trenton, Tenn. Harvey Barnes, 146, Washington, D. C., decisioned Johnny Pascarella, 149, New Castle, Pa.

A pair of French professionals went to bat in another three-rounder. Martorell, 140, of Paris, won over Augier, 138, Marseilles. A battle between Charles McClellan and Joe Hudgins, both light-heavyweights, gave no mention as to which was the winner. McClellan pulled a big surprise and upset by scoring a knockout over Walt Bantum, Baltimore boxer. Joe is also from Baltimore, and Charles from Columbus, O. George Banks, 152½, from Harrisburg, Pa., was a two-round kayo winner over Billy Whitewater, 152, Kansas City, Kans.

Jack Beatty, 155, Cincinnati, O., continues with his good work. He got a single round kayo over Camille Herth, 154, in the semi-final bout. Claude Brown, 215, of Cropper, Ky., beat Earl Eppinger, 202, in the main event. Judging the bouts were Capt. Ralph Horton, Jr., and Maj. Thomas Lowry. Timekeeper was George Wassler; announcer, Mike Forman, and referee, Sgt. Bill Baranoff.

France—Pvt. Pete Montesi, boxing manager from Danbury, Conn., and New York City, is in France with his armored unit. Pete, in his middle thirties, can still give a good account of himself with the boxing gloves.

Am in deep appreciation to Billy DeFoe, Pvt. Pete Montesi and Eddie Horn for all their help in sending the many sports items, especially fight clippings, which come in very handy.

Italy—In their second boxing slate, Sgt. Gerry Hall and Sgt. Alvin Bergman gave the boys in their sector another slambang card on October 25, 1944. The headline event, with heavyweights featured, went to Sgt. Perry Bryson, Dallas, 205 pounds, as he sprang an upset over the experienced Cpl. Stanley Evans, 195-pounder from Detroit. Evans, it is said, has a victory over the heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, when the two were mixing it in the amateurs. Louis also has a win over Evans.

Bryson rocked Evans time after time with short left hooks and starred at the start of the second round when Bryson shot over two left hooks and a right-hander. Stanley dropped and took a five-count. He weathered the round, however. He tried to turn the tide of battle in the third and final round and had the husky Texan going back, but it wasn't enough to earn the nod. It was Bryson's best win of his short career.

Pvt. Henry "Tex" Hopgood, Dallas protege of Matchmaker Hall, fell victim to the punching fists of Pvt. Jimmy Gross, New Yorker, in the second heat. A right-hander did the trick. Tex weighed 155, while Jimmy scaled 160.

The promising Pvt. Teddy Mahto, 145-pound Oklahoma Indian lad, notched another kayo triumph. His victim was Pvt. Frank (Two Gun) De Luca of Newark, N. J. De Luca was forced to retire in the second, as he ran out of gas after fighting on even terms. He was recruited from among the spectators.

Two Italian 105-pounders faced each other in a three-rounder. Dominick Martelli gained the win over Guiche Confusius. Another Italian pairing found Thibio Grubusi, 111, and Nunzio Gibarto, 112, in a draw. Valentino Ceniso, 118, lost the duke to Giovanni Rosati, also 118. Pvt. Eugene Doss, New York City, 129, kayoed Fico Vooth, Italian 128-pounder, in the opening heat. Aurello Maretti, 137, Italy, lost a close duel to Santi Stirintino, 135, Italy. Luzio Cargi, 123, Italy, won the nod from Lugio Manigo, 130, Italy.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

JOE LOUIS still carries murder in his powerful right, and although Johnny Davis of Brooklyn was no match for the great champion, nevertheless Buffalo fans saw that Louis didn't pull punches as he rocked Davis to slumber in exactly 53 seconds. The champ was a bit fat and maybe not as fast as he should be for a title fight, but your correspondent believes Louis will hang onto the heavyweight title for a long time to come. He just has too much class and punching form for any of the others. About 9000 fans paid $15,000 to see the melee. The program was staged by Billy Mitchie for the Fairview Athletic Club.

The leadup bouts were good. Johnny Virgo, 137½, Rochester, stopped Patsy Zoccano, 138, Buffalo, first round; Cliff Beckett, Sudbury, Ont., 155, halted Jerry McGee, 153½, of New York, in three rounds; Joey Genovese, 136½, Toronto, and Eddie Smith of Rochester, 140¼, were stopped in the second round when Referee Eddie Sears tossed Genovese out of the ring for holding. Other matches resulted as follows: Rudy Florio knocked out Nels Tharpe, five rounds, and Jimmy Rizzo and Steve Curley went six rounds to a draw. They both scaled 131.

Tommy (Guy) Sulpi has been refused a renewal of his manager's license by the State Athletic Commission. . . . Bobby Tracey former boxer and now a second, was suspended by the commish.

Jack Singer's offering on November 9 was a heavyweight affair between the budding Phil Muscato and Texas Bill McDowell at Memorial Auditorium. Muscato won a unanimous decision of the officials, but the antics of Texas Bill caused an uproar of laughs. Muscato was out in front in most of the ten rounds and this leaves Matchmaker Singer free to get a topnotcher for Phil's next local appearance.

In other bouts on the card Joe Miller and Pat Giordano, lightweights, put up a whale of a bout with the draw decision a rightful one. Referee Chip Davis disqualified Horace Leftwich for hitting Scotty Ramage while the latter was down. This happened in the fourth round.

Buster Peaks, 132, Detroit, and Rudy Turner, 154, Buffalo, both were winners in fast bouts. Peaks whipped Sam Shumway, three rounds, and Turner outclassed Vic Belanger in five heats. The officials were Referee Chip Davis, judges, Willie DiJames and Ed Schellerman.

Jack Herman and Jerry Monahan have the Great Lakes Club going big this season and their wrestling shows are packing 'em in. Houses of five and six thousand are regular.

HERE AND THERE—The chances are that Buffalo fans will be in for some bumper shows during the early part of 1945. . . . Matchmaker Bill Mitchie of the Fairview A. C., says he will present Sugar Ray Robinson against the best available welterweight and that Willie Pep will also perform for the F.A.C. . . .Of late the boxing business has been booming in this city. . . . The Joe Louis-Johnny Davis match attracted a gross gate of $15,000, while Ike Williams and Johnny Green pulled $12,000 through the turnstiles.

Bigger and better matches are promised by the Fairview Club and also by Jack Singer, promoter for the Hudson Club. . . . Singer hopes for an early return of Lou Nova and also expects to beat his rival to a contract with Willie Pep. . . . Mickey McInerney's gym on Main street and Singer's big emporium at Washington and North Division streets are packed with boxers of all weights. . . . Bert Finch has not yet secured the premises of 319 Main for a gym, but expects to consummate the deal shortly. . . . Meanwhile Finch is lining up a stable of up and coming scrappers. . . . Bert can be addressed at 863 Ellicott Street, Buffalo.

Joe Netro is now making Buffalo his headquarters and besides helping Billy Mitchie with the latter's promotional efforts, Netro is handling a number of boxers, including Billy Nitchy, light-heavyweight. . . . Billy Kelly, sports editor of the *Courier-Express* and generalissimo of the forces behind the *Courier-Express* Golden Gloves, did a splendid job this year and drew huge crowds for the simon pure tournament. The show was an outstanding success on the nights of December 6 and December 7. Congratulations, Billy!

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

BOXERS who fought in out-of-town rings, and the results of their bouts were: Pete Virgin stopped Bobby Lewis but lost to Freddie Russo; Dom Amoroso whipped Vic Jade; Al (Teddy) Green outpointed Ernie Barwell; Ray Rovelli lost to Frankie Terry; Reedy Evans K.O.'ed Brown Bomber and outpointed Lou Jones; Joe Reddick split two decisions with Jimmy Nelson; Joey Robinson was stopped by Vic Belanger; Freddy Schott stopped Howard Thompson's winning streak by outpointing him; Steve Dudas outpointed Johnny White, who drew with Fernando Menichelli.

Jersey's outstanding fighters of the year were Freddy Schott, unbeaten Paterson heavyweight; Dom Amoroso, Jersey City lightweight, who defeated such outstanding boys as Al Guido, Vic Jade, Nat Litfin, Pat Scanlon, Johnny Williams, Jackie Savino and Frankie Rosen; Pete Virgin, Garfield, featherweight; Johnny White, Jersey City heavyweight; Billy Grant, Orange light-heavyweight, who has not lost to a light-heavyweight all year, and Joe Reddick, Paterson middleweight.

Results for the month—Frank Paula, Jersey Gardens—Charlie Fusari, 141½, Irvington, K.O.'ed Russ Richter, 141, Paterson, 1:09 of the seventh round; Mario Colon, 128, New York, and Clyde English, 127, Brooklyn, drew, eight rounds; Pat Scanlon, 134, New York, outpointed Al Mobley, 138, Newark, 6; Jackie Savino, 131½, New York, K.O.'ed Orlando (Babe) Ferara, 137, Hartford, 2:49 of the second round; Ronnie Burns, 140, Paterson, outpointed Ellie Simley, 136, Detroit, 6.

Joe Curcio, 150, Newark, K.O.'ed Rudy Giscombe, 150, New York, in eight; Jimmy Mulligan, 167, Boston, K.O.'ed Al Johnson, 164, Philadelphia, 1; Vic Costa, 139½, Bronx, outpointed Milton Skyers, 142, Harlem, 6; Buddy Baily, 149, New York, easily outpointed Walter Cunningham, 154, Newark, 6; Johnny Fusco, 132, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Jimmy Bo, 135, Brooklyn, 1.

Dom Amoroso, 134, Jersey City, easily outpointed Al Guido, 135, Harlem, in 10; Al (Teddy) Green, Bayonne, 150, outpunched Ernie Barwell, 157, New York, 6; Joe (Sandy) Saddler, 123, New York, K.O.'ed Percy (Cabey) Lewis, 119, New York, 1; Joe Blackwood, 158, Paterson, K.O.'ed Savy Williams, 159, Nutley, 2; Buddy Jackson, 151, Newark, K.O.'ed Frankie Jordan, 146, Puerto Rico, 2.

Riviera Park, Belleville—Joe Curcio, 149, Newark southpaw, outpointed Buddy Baily, 149, New York, 8; Johnny Juliano, 123, Paterson, and George (Speedy) Cooper, 126, New York, drew in 8; Clint Miller, 128, Elizabeth, outpointed Rocky Progano, 131, Stamford, Conn., 6; Jay Paganano, 157, Belleville, outpunched Vic Chambers, 160, Morristown, 6; Vince Bellito, 141, New York, outpointed Billy Gould, 139, Newark, 4.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

THE past month has been a rather quiet one in the Boxing World, for the attention of fans, promoters, fighters, and the like, have been taken up with the far bigger fight going on all around the world, and with the excellent news that the past month has brought. But the present month promises a feast of good things for the discerning boxing lover, for a grand bill has been arranged for the re-opening of the Royal Albert Hall, and with the usual Queensberry Club show each month, and other halls coming to life again in London and in the Provinces, it seems that the old and ancient sport is due for a boom.

The Liverpool Stadium presents each week a sterling program of fisticuffs, and the latest promotion was no exception to Johnny Best's rule of providing the best available. His top liner brought together Jimmy Moore, the smart Birkenhead welterweight, and Harry Davis of London. They met in a 10-round bout, and produced an excellent and interesting contest with the edge going first to one lad and then the other. But it was Moore who pulled out just that little extra, to win the referee's decision.

Cyril Maudsley of Preston won over Ralph Moss of Blackpool when he forced him to retire in the 4th of a scheduled 8-round lightweight contest.

Jack Lewis, the Bournemouth Veteran, made a welcome return to the squared circle when he easily outpointed Paddy Nolan of Liverpool in 8 rounds.

Johnny Pitt of Blackpool knocked out Ronnie Davies of London in the 4th of a welterweight contest, and in the 6-round curtain raiser two featherweights, Paddy Dunn of Liverpool and Arthur Ryan of St. Helens, produced a thrill-packed bout before the referee decided on Dunn as the winner.

Dave Crowley, former British Lightweight Champion, and holder of the Southern Area Lightweight Championship, travelled to Northern Ireland to meet the popular Belfast lightweight Harry McStravick on his home grounds in a bout that was scheduled to go ten rounds. McStravick was unfortunate in being disqualified for an alleged low blow in the 2nd round, leaving Crowley the winner.

Bunty Doran, Flyweight Champion of Northern Ireland, outpointed the Scottish Flyweight Champion, Hugh Cameron, in the 10-round supporting bout.

Ardwick Stadium, Manchester, reopened for boxing with an excellent program and a bumper crowd. The main event saw Bert Jackson of Fleetwood score a technical knockout over the Western Counties Featherweight Champion, George Pook, when the latter sustained a damaged arm and retired in the third of a scheduled 8-round bout.

Billy Barton (RAF) gained an extremely lucky win over Mick Gibbons of Belfast in 8 rounds. The decision was badly received.

George Bridges of Manchester outpointed Tommy Hendrie of Liverpool in 8 rounds, while over the same distance Peter Fallon of Birkenhead outpointed Frank Skyrome of Barrow-in-Furness and Jim Berry of South Shields defeated Jackie Wilson of Liverpool on points.

Joe Curran of Liverpool, the official challenger for the World's Flyweight Championship held by Jackie Paterson, gained an easy points win over the Scottish Flyweight Champion, Hugh Cameron, in 10 rounds at the Liverpool Stadium. Curran had no difficulty in taking an early lead and he maintained this throughout.

Leo Phillips of Birmingham and the Welterweight Champion of Jamaica, Joe Hyman, making his first appearance in this country, took part in an excellent bout of 8 rounds that had the fans on their toes shouting for more. At the close, the referee was unable to separate these two game battlers and gave the only possible decision . . . that of a draw.

Tom Smith of Birmingham knocked out Jim Howard of Liverpool in the second of a scheduled 8-round contest.

Over six rounds Harry Swinburne of Glasgow outpointed Eddie Parsons of Barnsley while George Dilkes of Barnsley knocked out Tony Byrne of Birkenhead in the first round.

British Lightweight Champion, Ronnie James (Swansea), made his first appearance in the ring since winning the title from Eric Boon a few months previous, and scored a good win, when he forced the referee to stop his contest with Jimmy Watson of Edinburgh, holder of the Scottish Lightweight Championship, in the sixth of a scheduled 10-round contest. James punished Watson unmercifully from the opening gong, and in the early rounds Watson damaged his hand, and had his left eyebrow split.

The sixth round proved to be a repetition of the others, and during this session James floored the Scot for counts of nine, six, and nine, when the referee decided to apply the closure.

Vince Hawkins, the unbeaten 21-year-old Eastleigh Middleweight Threat, scored another good win when he narrowly outpointed Johnny Clements of Glasgow. Up to the halfway mark it was Clements by a nose, but Hawkins fought back strongly and took the lead which he retained to the end.

Ben Duffy (Royal Navy) defeated Hal Cartwright of Tipton when the referee intervened in the eighth of a scheduled 10-round contest to save a game boy unnecessary punishment.

Roy Ball of Pontypool was outpointed in 8 rounds by Ron Kingston of Sittingbourne after a swell bout.

Jack Lewis of Bournemouth continued his comeback campaign with another victory, this time over Jackie Wilson of Liverpool whom he forced to retire at the end of the 7th at Watford.

Charlie Collett of Hemel Hempstead caused the referee to stop his contest in the first round with Rex Arnold of Liverpool to save Arnold unnecessary punishment, when it was obvious he was beaten.

Danny Webb, the Negro Featherweight Champion of the Canadian Forces, 125¾, gave boxing fans a first class surprise when he defeated the World's Flyweight Champion, Jackie Paterson, 123½ lbs., of Scotland, causing him to retire in the third round with a badly damaged arm at the Queensberry Club, London, in a contest originally scheduled for ten rounds.

Webb, who has made only one previous professional appearance, resulting in a win over Kid Tanner of British Guiana, proved that he is a force to be reckoned with, for at the close of his bout with Paterson, the Negro Canuck had piled up quite an appreciable lead, and it is doubtful whether Paterson would have been able to turn the tables.

The second round saw Paterson receive quite a lot of punishment, and the round ended with the Scot's nose and mouth bleeding freely.

Webb, at 125¾ lbs., had an advantage of 2½ lbs. over Paterson, but the Canadian soldier punched too hard and too often for Paterson.

Ernie Roderick, British Welterweight Kingpin, knocked out Billy Mawson of Glasgow in the fifth round. Roderick had matters all his own way and the ultimate result was never in doubt.

There was a rather exciting incident in the third round, when after putting Mawson on the canvas for a long count with a beautifully timed right to the chin, the referee and the timekeeper became confused with the count. The general opinion was that Mawson had just failed to beat the ten, but he was on his feet, and the referee was waving his arms when Roderick stepped in and delivered another beautiful punch that had the Scot on the floor again.

The large crowd didn't seem to catch on as to what was happening, and all thought that Roderick had hit Mawson after the contest was over. When the contest finally did end in the fifth round, Roderick and his manager and brother-in-law, Featherweight Champion, Nel Tarleton, appealed to Patsy Hagate, the master of ceremonies, to explain what had actually happened in the third round. This was done, and Roderick, seemingly with quite a load lifted from his broad shoulders, left the ring smiling.

Another exciting contest, with a surprising end, was that between Sammy Reynolds of Wolverhampton, 112¾ lbs., and the official contender for Jackie Paterson's Flyweight Title, Joe Curran, 109 lbs., of Liverpool, in 8 rounds, with Sammy winning. After eight hectic rounds, Reynolds nosed ahead to the surprise of the crowd with whom Curran was a firm favorite to win, and the Wolverhampton boy received the referee's decision.

Mickey Colbert of Ireland outpointed Tommy Plowright of Nottingham over 8 rounds.

Johnny Ward of Ireland defeated Mick Gibbons of Ireland when the latter was forced to retire in the fourth of a scheduled 8-rounds contest with a damaged right arm.

Harry Hurst (Montreal and Canadian Air Force) won a good contest when he defeated the Birkenhead Welterweight, Jimmy Moore, in ten rounds at the Liverpool Stadium. Moore could not seem to cope with the Canadian's heavy artillery, and was well behind at the close.

Johnny MacDonald of Manchester won over Johnny McKay of RAF when he forced the latter to retire in the sixth of a scheduled 8-round contest, after taking severe punishment.

Freddie Young of the Free French forced George Pull (RAF) to retire in the fourth of a scheduled 8-round contest.

Billy Monks of Luton knocked out George Backshaw of Manchester in the second round.

A slap on the back from a Canadian Flying Officer brought a pleasant surprise, and a meeting with an old friend of many years' standing. I refer to the ex-British Lightweight Champion, Al Foreman, who originally London born, has been domiciled in Canada for many years now.

Resplendent in Air Force Blue, Al sports an Air Gunner's half wing, and has taken part in many raids on enemy territory.

It was good to see Al looking so fit and well, and we had quite a long chat, bringing back very many good old memories.

George Parkes of Dundee and his foremost Scottish rival Alex Murphy of Glasgow met at Dundee in a bout of 8 rounds, and a lively set-to was the outcome, for these two little flyweights can fight, and after the last gong, the referee declared a draw. Bob Ramsey of Stepney gained a points verdict at the expense of Billy Stevens of Glasgow in 8 rounds.

Despite the non-appearance of two of the contestants in the main bouts, staged at the Royal Albert Hall by Jack Cappell, the vast arena was full and a splendid show was enjoyed by the fans.

The original main event had paired Freddie Mills with Martin Thornton of Ireland, but owing to war duties Mills was unable to appear and an excellent substitute match was obtained in Al Delaney (Canada) and Al Robinson of Leeds, who met over the 8-round course.

This contest was notoriously lacking in science, but was a real stand up and slug affair.

Delaney, who was spotting Robinson 20 pounds in weight, made the running throughout. Although he landed no really telling blow, he managed to run up enough points to secure the referee's decision.

The other bout sharing the top line should have been between Al Phillips of Aldgate and ex-lightweight Champion Dave Crowley of Clerkenwell, but Phillips was forced to cry off owing to injury, and Crowley met Petty Officer Ben Duffy (Royal Navy) as a replacement.

Duffy proved a worthy substitute, for after eight hard-hitting rounds, he staged a last minute rally which secured him the award.

Making his first London appearance in the professional ranks, Cyril Gallie of Cardiff (holder of two amateur titles) made a good impression when he decisively outpointed Dick Shields of Liverpool over 8 rounds.

Gallie won every round by his brilliant all-round boxing and although Shields fought back with spirit and much pluck, he could make no dent in the tough Welshman's armour, and was floored during the last round with a beautifully-timed left hook to the body and took a count of eight.

At the final gong, the referee had no hesitation in giving Gallie his decision.

Meeting for the sixth time, Bert Gilroy, Middleweight Champion of Scotland, again proved that he was more than a match for Irish Pat O'Connor, for he again defeated him in eight hard-fought rounds. In their previous engagements, Gilroy has won four times, and drawn once.

Over four rounds, Bobby Ramsay was extremely lucky to receive the decision over Dave Finn of Stepney, for it seemed at the close that Finn had won by a mile.

Danny Webb, the Negro Canadian featherweight, who has made a fine impression in his appearances in this country, chalked up another win, when at Bristol in eight rounds. He defeated the Ex-Lightweight Champion of Wales, Boyo Rees.

Boyo could find no defense against Webb's worrying tactics. Although he fought back in good style, he didn't worry the Canuck unduly, and Webb received a popular decision.

Bert Gilroy, Scottish Middleweight Champion, weighing 175 pounds, scored another win, this time from Ben Valentine, 175½ lbs., of Fiji Islands in a ten rounder at the Stadium, Liverpool. The contest was close throughout, and it was Gilroy's persistent aggressiveness that won him the decision.

Bert Hyland (RAF) won over Billy Mayne of Birmingham when the latter retired at the end of the 5th of a scheduled 8-round contest.

Jimmy Burke of Liverpool won over Johnny Smith of Glasgow when the latter was disqualified for an alleged low blow in the third round of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Pat Ryan of Widnes won over Roy Free of St. Helens when the latter retired in the third of a scheduled six-round contest, and Peter Fallon of Birkenhead won by a technical knockout in the fifth of a scheduled six-round contest over Reg James of Chester.

Jim Brady, British Empire Bantamweight Champion, won a good contest when he easily outpointed Tommy Davies of Wales in eight rounds at Manchester. It was obvious from the first gong that Brady had the mastery of the Welshman, and as the contest proceeded the wily Scot built up a points lead that made his victory absolute.

Cyril Gallie (Cardiff), who has been making quite a stir in professional ranks since his recent switch from amateur boxing, nearly came a cropper when he met Mick Gibbons of Belfast over eight rounds at Pontypridd.

Gibbons' style of boxing didn't suit the Welshman at all, and it was rarely that he could land a telling blow.

The last few rounds went to the Irish lad, who made a grandstand finish and when at the end the referee gave his award to Gallie, a storm of booing went up and it was some time before order could be restored.

Johnny Russell of Covent Garden defeated Johnny Ward of Ireland at Hornsey, the referee stopping the contest in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round bout, Ward having suffered an extremely badly cut eyebrow.

Gwyn Williams (Paratroops) scored a quick win over Jock McKay of the RAF when he forced the referee to stop the bout at the end of a scheduled eight-round contest . . . the Scot having taken considerable punishment and being in a bad way.

Vince Hawkins of Eastleigh goes from victory to victory, and his latest was at the expense of Jack Lewis of Bournemouth, whom he easily outpointed in eight rounds at Watford. Lewis covered up frequently, and it was this that enabled him to stay the entire distance.

Petty Officer Ben Duffy (Royal Navy) outpointed Jimmy Brady, British Empire Bantamweight Champion, in ten hard-fought rounds at Willenhall.

Sammy Reynolds of Wolverhampton defeated Tommy Plowright of Nottingham on points, after eight interesting rounds.

When Matchmaker John Harding secured the re-match of Kid Tanner of British Guiana and Danny Webb of Canada, for eight rounds at the Queensberry Club, London, most fans thought they would be witnessing a classic struggle and therefore the entire hall was sold out days before the contest. What actually did happen when these two boys met was so different to what was expected, that it caused a surprise tantamount to a sensation.

Webb, who has built up quite a reputation in these Islands owing to his non-stop methods and his win over Jackie Paterson, British and World Flyweight Champion, could not seem to get started. He lacked that sparkle that had predominated in his previous appearances. Tanner, too, seemed disinclined to join in heavy fighting.

The contest dragged along for the first two rounds and the crowd began to clap in unison, signifying its disapproval, and Referee Teddy Waltham cautioned the two boxers, but to no avail.

By the fourth round the referee warned the two contestants again, but there was still no improvement.

It was then, with a gesture of disgust, that the referee stepped in and ordered both boys to their corners, to the cheers of the crowd, and declared "No Contest."

The B.B.B.C. will hold up the purse money of both lads until an inquiry into the contest has been held.

The main supporting bout featured Vince Hawkins of Eastleigh, and this 21-year-old retained his unbeaten record by defeating Johnny Kilburn, a former Scottish Amateur Middleweight Champion, in eight rounds. Kilburn started off impressively with straight lefts, but Hawkins kept wading in and steadily wore his opponent down with crashing lefts to the chin and a severe thumping around the midriff.

The Scot made a brief bid for victory in the final session, but Hawkins was far ahead on points and took the honors.

Bert Jackson of Fleetwood outpointed Tommy Davies of Wales in an all-action contest over eight rounds. Jackson attacked persistently, never giving Davies a chance to settle down, and was a good winner.

Johnny Russell of Covent Garden knocked out Jimmy Smith, Irish Feather and Lightweight Champion, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest after having taken three long counts.

Harry Davies of Bethnal Green defeated Joe Hyman of British Guiana on points over eight rounds.

Dick Shields of Liverpool and Cyril Wills, the smart Shrewsbury welterweight, met in a return engagement over the ten-round course, and it looked all set for a swell battle, but unfortunately, in the fifth round Wills was forced to retire leaving Shields the winner.

Jackie Wilson of Liverpool outpointed Billy Mawson of Edinburgh after a fine eight-round contest.

Billy Barton of Liverpool lost a close decision to Tommy Loughran of Edinburgh over eight rounds.

Alf Gidman of Liverpool won by a knockout in the fifth round against Joe Samuels of Liverpool.

Lionel Greber of Loughborough won over Ralph Moss of Manchester in a swell six-round curtain raiser.

Harry Grimes of the Royal Navy was called in as a last-minute substitute for his shipmate, Petty Officer Ben Duffy of the Royal Navy, who was suffering with bronchial trouble and was unable to appear, and delighted the large crowd at Bristol by winning well over Jackie Rankin of Southall over the eight-round course.

Danny Webb, the smart Canadian featherweight, made a quick re-appearance in the ring, in fact the day after his bout with Kid Tanner at the Queensberry Club, and this time after travelling all the way to Scotland, he chalked up an easy points win over Tommy McGlinchey of Glasgow in eight rounds.

Webb's heavy punching nearly had McGlinchey down in the fourth, and the Scot had his eye damaged and took heavy punishment from the Negro lad, who was out to atone for his poor showing of the previous evening.

McGlinchey fought pluckily all through, but was unable to overtake the points lead built up by Webb.

British Welterweight Champion, Ernie Roderick, won narrowly on points over Johnny Clements of Coatsbridge in eight rounds. Roderick took an early lead but seemed to fall back a little, recovering towards the end of the bout to scrape home.

Bobby Ramsay (London) and Billy Stevens of Tillicoutry drew over eight rounds.

George Parkes of Dundee won a good bout when he outpointed Sammy Reynolds of Wolverhampton in eight rounds.

Jackie Wilson of Liverpool and Jimmy Bray also of Liverpool were paired in what was to have been a ten-round middleweight contest at the Liverpool Stadium, but three rounds sufficed for Wilson to force Bray to retire leaving him the winner by a technical kayo.

George Thomas of Aberfan defeated Mickey Colbert of Belfast when the latter was disqualified in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest for an alleged low blow.

Tommy Smith of Birmingham won on points over Bobby Hinds of Barnsley over eight rounds.

Peter Fallon of Birkenhead won by a technical knockout over Johnny Regan of Bradford in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest, while Alf Gidman of Liverpool seemed unlucky to be disqualified in the fourth of a scheduled six-round contest with George Dilkes of Barnsley.

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

By NAT FLEISCHER

T/5 David Fidler, Fort Bragg

Q.—Did Jimmy Adamick and John Henry Lewis fight in the Garden?

A.—No. They fought in Philadelphia and Lewis won in 10 rounds.

Pfc. Shelby Knight, Somewhere in the South Pacific Islands with U.S.A.

Q.—How many times did Joe Louis fight in Philadelphia?

A.—Twice. He fought Al Ettore, September 22, 1936, before he became champion and scored a K.O. in three rounds. As title holder he fought Gus Dorazio, February 17, 1941, and scored a K.O. in two rounds.

Harvey Berryman, C/1c S, U. S. Navy

Q.—What were the three largest gates in modern pugilism? What were the three largest between 1935 and 1944? Was the Garcia-Apostoli fight a title fight, and who won? Was the Garcia-Armstrong fight a championship affair?

A.—1938, Louis vs. Schmeling, $1,015,012; 1935, Louis vs. Baer, $1,000,832; 1937, Louis vs. Braddock, $750,470. These are the three largest since 1935. The largest in pugilism were: Dempsey vs. Tunney at Chicago, 1927, $2,658,660; Dempsey vs. Tunney at Philadelphia, 1926, $1,895,733, and Dempsey vs. Carpentier at Boyle's Thirty Acres, 1921, $1,789,238.

Garcia won the New York version of the world middleweight title from Apostoli by stopping him in seven rounds on October 2, 1939. The Garcia-Armstrong fight was advertised by the California Commission as for the world middleweight title. It ended in a draw, 10 rounds, but was not generally recognized as a championship affair.

A Reader

Q.—When Dempsey was floored by Tunney in the eighth round of their fight at Chicago did Jack leap right up or did he take a count?

A.—There was a no-count.

Geoffrey W. Bardsley, Melbourne, Australia

Q.—In the August, 1944, issue of THE RING, you carry a story of the Welsh vs. Leonard fight on May 28, 1917. On the top of page 15, column 2, you state that "All the legal requirements had been met in the Leonard vs. Welsh fight." And in the next paragraph you state that Welsh weighed 136¾ pounds, and Leonard, 133.

Now the most vital thing about any title changing hands is that BOTH contestants must be at or inside the class limit. And as Welsh was 1¾ pounds over the weight of his division, even the fact that he was K.O.'ed doesn't make him lose his title in my book.

If you could spare a few words of explanation in your "Answers to Correspondents" column, I'd be grateful, as I think it is quite a good point.

A.—The rules of boxing make it mandatory on the part of the challenger to come under the weight limit or at the limit of the division. The champion likewise should be within the limit. If, however, as has been the case on several occasions, the champion scales beyond the limit, but the challenger comes in under the weight or at the weight requirements and the challenger wins the bout, he automatically takes the crown with it.

On a number of occasions where the champion failed to make the weight, his title was automatically forfeited and the class championship remained open pending the outcome of the bout for which he had failed to come in at the proper weight. Where the challenger won the decision, he also won the title, but where he failed, the title remained open for competition.

In the title bout between Welsh and Willie Ritchie, the Englishman insisted on a 135-pound agreement, the men to weigh in at 2 o'clock. At that hour Welsh scaled 134½ to Ritchie's 133½.

For the no-decision bout with Leonard, in which no title could be at stake unless the challenger won by a knockout, a foul, the referee stopping the fight because the champion could no longer carry on, or the champion quitting, Welsh made no agreement for Leonard to come in over the weight so that Freddy could protect his title. At 9 o'clock, weighing-in time, Freddy scaled 136¾, while Leonard didn't stir the beam at 133. Hence Welsh and his manager, Harry Pollock, realized that the title was at stake even in this no-decision bout. Billy Gibson, manager of Leonard, had pulled a fast one on the champ, and there can be no argument about Leonard winning the title from Welsh under those circumstances when Freddy was unable to continue.

The championship weight at the time was 135 pounds, and Leonard scaled only 133.

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NEW ENGLAND BOXING NEWS
By DAN "DOC" AVERY, JR.

BOSTON—around Newspaper Row—Eddie Beck our R.I. correspondent, and doing a good job, was a visitor to Boston and took in the fights at the Garden and Mechanics Building. The writer understands that Ed is interested in the amateurs in Providence, and is getting up a very good stable of boys. Received a letter from Harry Goldstein, the former N. E. flyweight and bantam star, who writes that he is in good health and would like to hear from his friends around the Row. . . . Al Delmont, the former featherweight champion of New England, is planning to return to the game as a manager of fighters. He knows boxing from all angles. . . . Tweezer Mack is now associated with his brother, Eddie Mack, who is trying to give Boston fans good shows at the Callahan A.C.

Tommy Palazolo, the former Boston Newsboy, returned to his old home city with a pretty good fighter, Paul Doyle. . . . Newsboy Eddie Curley, the star featherweight of a few years back, is a judge at the fights and has been kept pretty busy . . . Al Saxe, former manager of many good boys, will return to the game again shortly as manager.

Manchester, N. H.—Nick Norris, the local promoter, was in town the other day trying to line up a spot to operate in this city. Nick also operates in Nashua, N. H.

Maine—The following clubs are operating in these cities with weekly shows: Augusta, Lewiston, Brunswick, Bath, Bangor, and Portland.

New England managers and fighters send in your 1944 records to me, also state your weights in order to be classified as to your standing in this area. Send them in as fast as you can so that I can turn them over to Nat Fleischer, THE RING Editor.

Walter Speedy DuVall made a hit at Brunswick, Maine, on November 3, when he stopped Billy Boyle, the hard-hitting Los Angeles middleweight. The fans are very much interested in seeing DuVall with Coley Welch.

Discharged service men who are seeking a boxing career and unattached fighters seeking action, providing that they can fight should contact the writer at Village St., Millis, Mass.

Al and Ben Avery have joined the writer in handling our large stable of fighters. We expect to promote bouts in New England cities. Both boys have been around the game for many years, and are known to the various promoters in the country. Postwar plans are being made for one of the largest stables of fighters to be handled by the Avery brothers.

The following Maritime fighters are expected to join the writer: Harvey Dubs, middleweight; Pardona Smith, middleweight champion of the Maritime Provinces; Joy Pyle, clever Negro welterweight now in the British Navy; Ollie Geldart and Tommy Spencer, two very good prospects in the lightweight class; Chuck Nickerson, a heavyweight; and Gordie Grayson, a light-heavy.

Bill O'Flanagan writes from Windsor, Ontario, that he has been working to build up a stable of fighters. He handles Indian Benny Deathpaine, Billy Bengal of the U.S. Army, and Sammy Street, also in the service of his country.

Worcester—Johnny Potenti, 151, of this city, knocked out Roy Spencer, 156, of New York in the second round of a scheduled 10-round bout here tonight.

Frankie Ross, 147, of Boston, gained a split decision over Ernie Kapps, 155, of Milford and Bobby Howard, 164, of this city, knocked out Charlie Bachofen, 167, of Manchester, Conn., in the second round of a scheduled six-rounder.

Boston—Elmer (Violent) Ray, 195, of Los Angeles, won every round while making his eastern boxing debut against Earle Louman, 208, of Detroit, recently but, despite his terrific two-fisted attack, he was unable to discourage that durable opponent during their 10-round feature action at Mechanics Building.

In the other 10 rounders, Howard Thompson, 203, of Saugus, gained a unanimous verdict over Huge Al Patterson, 212½, of Pittsburgh, and Reedy Evans, 166, of Paterson, N. J., registered a technical knockout decision over the Brown Bomber, 158, of Boston, in their final session.

Bobby Howard, 157, of Worcester, knocked out Joe Gillis, 149, of Springfield, in the first round of the scheduled six-round opener.

Other fight results: Providence—Harry Jeffra, 130¾, Baltimore, outpointed Charlie Noel, 124, New York, 10 rounds. Joe Gillie, 144¼, New Haven, outpointed Johnny Cool, Worcester, 140¾, in eight rounds.

Waterbury, Ct.—Willie Roache, Wilmington, Del., 128½, T.K.O.'ed Vic Jade, 133¼, Cleveland, O., 4 rounds. Bobby Snow, 147, Waterbury, outpointed Frankie Powell, 145, New Haven, 6 rounds.

Augusta, Me.—Jerry Berthiaume, 174, Montreal, outpointed Waddell Washington, 179, Worcester, 10 rounds. Eddie Berry, 130, Portland, Me., and Al Wooster, 134, Frankfort, Me., drew, six rounds.

Brunswick, Me.—Walter "Speedy" DuVall, Philadelphia, knocked out Billy Boyle, Los Angeles, Cal., 3 rounds. DuVall, 164; Boyle, 163. Eddie Hudson, Bath, T.K.O.'ed Honey Mellody, Fall River, Mass.

Worcester, Mass.—Berlie Lanier, 160, Philadelphia, and Bert Lytell, 155, Fresno, Cal., drew, 10 rounds. Tommy Dee, 156, Boston, K.O.'ed Billy Chaput, 158, Fisherville, in two rounds.

Worcester, Mass.—Johnny Finazzo, 160, Baltimore, outpointed Bert Lytell, Fresno, Cal., 155, in 10 rounds. Bobby Zollo, 150, Providence, outpointed Al Pinel, 153, New Bedford, Mass., 6 rounds.

Augusta, Me.—Larry Villenueve, 147, Berlin, N. H., kayoed Jake Desautel, 145, Rochester, N. H., in 3 rounds.

Fall River, Mass.—Henry Chmielewski, 163, Portland, Me., earned a ten-round decision over Langston Dennis, 163, New York City. Dennis substituted for Mad Anthony Jones of New Orleans who did not appear.

Hartford, Conn.—Willie Pep, 126½, Hartford, outpointed Charles Lewis, 126¾, New York, ten rounds. George Doty, 150, Hartford, K.O.'ed Tom Collins, 152, New Haven, in two rounds.

Bangor, Me.—Larry Villenueve, 150, Berlin, N. H., T.K.O.'ed Everett Ladd, 150, Westbrook, in 4. Bobby Pooler, 138, Portland, Me., outpointed Al Wooster, 135, Frankfort, 6.

New Bedford, Mass.—Jean Barriere, 130, Montreal, outpointed Pat Demers, Brockton, 131½, 10. Norman See, Montreal, 135, K.O.'ed Pedro Carvalho, Worcester, 136½, in 4.

Boston, Mass.—Freddie Schott, 206, Paterson, N. J., snapped the undefeated string of Howard Thompson, 198½, of Saugus, Mass., at 35 victories and ran his own undefeated string to 30 wins in a fast, hard-punching match at the Callahan A.C. show. George Stevens, 146, New York, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Dougwillow, 149, Lynn, in 3.

Worcester, Mass.—Pat Scanlon, 135, New York, won over Corky Davis, 132, Worcester, in 10. Joe Celletti, Providence, R. I., 138, outpointed Pedro Carvalho, 137, Worcester, in 6.

Boston, Mass.—Ralph Zannelli, 148½, Providence, R. I., K.O.'ed Bill Tordiglione, 140, Boston, in 10. Sid Miller, 157, Detroit, won in 8 rounds over Red Doty, 152, Hartford, Conn.

Holyoke, Mass.—Jerry Maloni, 155¾, Springfield, K.O.'ed Lige Drew, 150, Los Angeles, in 3. St. Paul, 159, Springfield, won over Billy Campanale, 161, Worcester, in 6.

Providence, R. I.—Louis Long, 192½, Chicago, K.O.'ed Jerry Berthiaume, 177¼, Montreal, in 10. Jimmy Russo, Providence, 181½, K.O.'ed Joe Thomas, 194½, Trenton, N. J., in one.

Holyoke, Mass.—Lige Drew, 147½, Los Angeles, won in ten over Broadway Johnny Jones, 148, New York. Art McAlpine, 189, Springfield, won over Walter Thomas, 189, Detroit, in 6.

Providence, R. I.—Charlie Smith, 131, won by T.K.O. over Lefty LaChance, 130½, Portland, Me.

Bangor, Me.—Johnny Sardo, Boston, 158, won over Johnny Marra, 157, Fall River, in 10 rounds.

Hartford, Conn.—Charles Lewis, 126, N. Y., beat Hi-Ho Silver, Bridgeport, Conn., 128, 10 rounds.

Holyoke—Patsy Spataro, 139½, N. Y., beat Joe Amico, 143, Philadelphia, in 10 rounds. St. Paul, 161, Springfield, beat Waddell Washington, 170, Worcester, in 6 rounds.

Providence, R. I.—Sammy Mammone, 156¾, Stamford, Conn., T.K.O.'ed Sidney Miller, 154, Youngstown, Ohio, in 3 rounds. Jerry Berthiaume, Montreal, 174, K.O.'ed Al Carpenter, 180, Boston, in 2 rounds.

Fall River, Mass.—Jimmy Doyle, 143, Hollywood, Cal., K.O.'ed Jean Paul Green, 150, Montreal, in 3 rounds. Al Pinel, 152, New Bedford, beat Tommy Dee, 158, U. S. Marines, in six rounds.

Lewiston, Me.—Lefty LaChance, 131, Lisbon, won over Jean Barriere, 131, Montreal, 10 rounds.

Hartford, Conn.—Joe Louis, 212, U.S.A., boxed three two-minute rounds with Dee Amos, 210, Durham, Conn.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

MINNEAPOLIS AUDITORIUM. — Jackie Graves, 123, Austin, Minn., won the decision over Leroy Jackson, 126, Cleveland featherweight, in the main event before a packed house. Seven thousand people witnessed one of the best boxing cards in Minneapolis in some time. Graves, a fighting Irishman, had to come from behind to win. He scored his fifteenth straight victory since turning pro.

Billy Smith, 142, Minneapolis welterweight, met a tough boy in Eddie Webb, 146, Sioux Falls, S. D., welterweight, and stopped him in the third round with two knockdowns on solid right hand punches.

Major Jones, Kansas City, 142, knocked out Mickey Austin, Detroit, 144, in the first round. The Major is a classy fighter and will be heard from in the professional ranks.

Savey Canadeo, 144, Chicago, won over Johnny Varcy, 146, Detroit, in six rounds.

Charley Riley, 126, St. Louis, looked good in scoring his 31st straight victory by knocking out Eddie Scott, 127, Detroit, in the second round.

George DeGideo, 126, Minneapolis, won the decision over Angelo Gomez, 132, Mexico City, in six rounds.

Here and there—A fight the Minneapolis fans would like to see is a bout betwen Billy Smith and Major Jones.

Chuck Hensel, the Watertown, Minn., heavyweight, has left for the Army. He is now stationed at Leavenworth, Kansas. Chuck boxed all the best amateur heavyweights around the Northwest and was a great crowd pleaser with the fans. Russell Anderson, heavyweight, who boxed under the name of Jimmy Gibbons and was managed by Mike (Phantom) Gibbons, is now stationed in Alaska. He is in the Army as an M.P. Bob Gibbons, son of Mike, is at the Army Camp in Camp Lee, Va. Mike has three sons overseas in the Marines. Claude Pelzer, lightweight, is in the Navy and stationed in Seattle. Ross Abrams, Sioux City fight manager, would like to show his heavyweight. Andy Miller, before the Twin City boxing fans. Bob Luby, the fighting Marine, is back home on a furlough after spending 22 months in the South Pacific. Also Billy McFarland, another Marine, is home on a 30-day leave after being across for two years!

St. Paul Auditorium—Red Meath, St. Paul welterweight, dropped a hairline decision to Mert Herrick, Rochester, Minn., N.W. Golden Glove Champion, in the main event. Herrick had to come from behind in the last round to edge out a victory. Meath weighed 143; Herrick 152 pounds.

Jimmy O'Hara, 172, St. Paul light-heavyweight, reversed a decision on Chuck Hensel, Montrose, Minn., in a return bout. O'Hara won every round and had Hensel in a bad way at the finish. Hensel weighed 173.

Dick Bol, North St. Paul, 165, scored an upset when he won over Erle Adkinson, hard punching Negro, in another bout that was full of action. The Bol-Adkinson bout stole the show. Adkinson weighed 178 pounds.

Other results are: Jimmy Lentsch, 128, St. Paul won the decision over Pat Tierney, 122, Rochester, Minn., in three rounds. Clayton Munson, 1[illegible] St. Paul, lost to Jentrice O'Neill, 117, St. Paul, in three rounds. Tommy Flaherty, 138, St. Paul won over Bob Miller, 145, St. Paul, in three rounds. Glen Flanagan, 122, St. Paul, won the decision over Dick Plante, 118, Minneapolis, in three rounds. Ernie Eckman, 110, St. Paul, won the decision over Dick Hayes, 112, St. Paul, in three rounds.

Ray Temple's star heavyweight, Jimmy O'Hara, has been winning all his fights since going under the Temple Banner. He beat Bill Scoberg of Rochester, Minn., and won over Chuck Hensel of Watertown, Minn., heavyweight, in St. Paul. He also knocked out Bear Cat Fisher at Slayton, Minn., in two rounds.

Lee Savold, St. Paul heavyweight, will be seen in action in St. Paul and Minneapolis this season. Lee has moved back here after making his home in Paterson, N. J., for the last two years.

Rochester, Minn. — Mert Herrick, Rochester, Minn., 150, lost the decision to Corky Basse, Slayton, Minn., welterweight, in the main event of an amateur card Nov. 4 at the Civic Auditorium.

Red Meath, St. Paul welterweight, 141, lost a decision to Magnus Hourscet, 150, Slayton, Minn., in three rounds.

Jimmy O'Hara, 177, St. Paul heavyweight, knocked out Bear Cat Fisher, 180, in the second round.

Jimmy Lentsch, 126, St. Paul, lost the decision to Johnny Wittrock, 124, Mankato, Minn., in three rounds.

Harold Bakke, former Minneapolis Golden Glover and middleweight champion, was recently killed on New Guinea after being promoted to sergeant. While stationed at Fort Leonard Wood he was among a group of camp tournament winners sent to Sedalia, Mo., where he won the All-Golden Glove title. He went from there to the finals in the Kansas City Golden Gloves. He fought all the best boys around the Northwest. He was a crowd-pleaser and had a host of friends in the Twin Cities.

The Mayor of St. Paul is bringing boxing back here with a big benefit card featuring Lee Savold, St. Paul heavyweight, and Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia heavyweight, in the main event. The American Legion Boxing Club were staging the bout.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Jimmy O'Hara, St. Paul light-heavyweight, won over Bud Bunn, Fort Wheatley House light-heavyweight, in the headline bout at the Ascension Club. O'Hara had Bunn down four times in a three-round fight and Bunn was lucky to go the distance. This O'Hara boy like the class of the amateur boxers this season.

Ted Morrison, the former professional, is now in New Guinea. He is matchmaker for the All boxing cards held there every Saturday night.

Pop Terry, Slayton, Minn., promoter, has been staging amateur shows every two weeks and drawing good crowds.

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Jack McDowell, sport writer and one of the best referees in the state, is a salesman for a liquor firm in Minneapolis.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
By DANNY MYERS

READING, PA.—Harry D. Weil, erstwhile Promoter in this Berks County City, is keeping Pennsylvania on the professional boxing map with weekly presentations at the Armory. Weil is using talent from the East.

On November 10 an interesting card was presented. In the windup of eight rounds Jess Moraney, 157, Harrisburg, Pa., was a winner by a knockout over Billy Perry, 162, Baltimore, Md. Perry was brought in with the expectations of giving the Harrisburg wonder boy a good fight but the hostilities ended very abruptly in the third round.

Jimmy Hill, 150-pound stablemate of Moraney, was knocked out by Billy Nixon, Philadelphia, Pa., in the first round. Nixon weighed 150 also. Other bouts were as follows, Marvin Trulock, 159½, Philadelphia, Pa., was the winner via the K.O. route over Sammy Lewis, 157, New York City.

Al Johnson, 169, Philadelphia, won by a T.K.O. over Ken Schelley, 172, Reading, in the fourth round. In the opening bout, Willie Watkins, 160, Harrisburg, Pa., substituted for Silent Joe Jack of Pittsburgh against Joe Quinn, 155, Tamaqua, Pa. Watkins knocked the Tamaqua battler clean through the ropes in 46 seconds of the first round.

Hazelton, Pa.—Jimmy Monroe, the promoter in this mining section of Penna., is doing a top notch job in the promotion of professional boxing in upstate Pennsylvania. On November 17 the Harrisburg favorite, Jess Moraney, battled with one of his old rivals, Lee Datts of Philadelphia and Moraney scored a K.O. in the third. Datts weighed 156½ and Moraney 157 pounds. In recent bouts Moraney has been showing good form and top condition and is not permitting his opponents to go far. Johnny "Red" Fees, 139, Harrisburg, lost the unanimous decision to Billy Connors, 140, Philadelphia, in the six-round semi-final bout. Experience was the main factor.

Ray Karlunas, one time amateur champion of the coal regions and who competed in the Harrisburg *Telegraph* Golden Gloves, furnished the opposition for Joe Quinn, 155, Tamaqua. Karlunas, who hails from Benton, Pa., and weighs 156 pounds, disposed of Quinn in 2:54 of the first. Tommy Battles, 129, Philadelphia, knocked out Ray Smith, 120, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in 1:30 of the second and Pete Pauline, 155, Pardeesville, Pa., placed the sleep producer on Frankie Casey, 150½, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in 2:56 of the first round.

Rocky Luciano, Harrisburg middle, is again doing battles, this time under the guidance of Allie Frank. The Rock was recently defeated by Billy Fox the Philadelphia wonder boy, but the Champ as he is known in Harrisburg, is hoping to do battle with some of the leading middles.

Among the boxers who are in the services from Harrisburg are Pfc. Leon W. Singer, Johnny Baker, Freddie Beshore, Billy Proctor, Freddie Lester, King Sharpy, Freddie Shay, Hal Dockins, Maurice Logan, Jr., George Maugans, Nick Tulli, Tommy Heidel, Don Hurst and Dick Mack. Also Mike Seaman and Paul "Polly" Magaro.

I am looking for boxers from flyweights to heavyweights, who wish to make fighting their profession. Contact me. If you are without managerial ties and want representation, send pictures, clippings and record of yourself—your weight, height, color, etc., to Danny Myers, 3304 Spring Street, Progress-Harrisburg, Penna.

Reading, Pa.—This Berks County city had a very exciting evening at the Armory when Harry Weil presented his all-star boxing card. The turnout was good and the promoter was very much pleased with results.

Weil presented a five-bout action-packed card that ended with a slug-fest, featuring Wesley Monzon, the Philadelphia Phantom at 136¾ pounds, facing the Central Pennsylvania popular George "Dusty" Brown of Reading, 136¾. It was a flurry of punching all the way with Dusty receiving the most of the blows.

The preliminaries were chuck full of action. Al Johnson, 172, of Philadelphia, Penna., stopped Willie Watkins, 163, of Harrisburg, in 1:47 of the first. Lee Jones, 138, Philadelphia, was awarded the decision in six rounds of fast and furious mauling with Johnny "Red" Fees, 130½, Lebanon, Pa.

What was voted by the fans to be the best bout of the evening was the second one in which Bobby Waters, 132, of Harrisburg mixed it with Rocky Major, 134½, of Philadelphia. They stood toe-to-toe and battled to a six-round draw. The opener found Billy Perry, 161, Baltimore, winning by a K.O. over Jimmy Wilks, 161, Philadelphia, Pa.

Nothing has been heard from my friend Claude Zotter the Allentown promoter, a recent show was very discouraging, the crowd was there but substitutions were plentiful. It has been learned by yours truly, that Harrisburg will again be opened to the professional fight game this month with two local sportsmen at the helm.

I. R. Wolf of Harrisburg, who has been a sports fan for years, and who was and is always willing to help wherever possible in the boxing game, is one half of the team that will bring back the sport to Harrisburg.

We are still looking for boxers without managerial ties, regardless of weight. Also boys who are interested in boxing as a profession. Contact the writer at 3304 Spring Street, Harrisburg, Pa. Via Progress.

Hazelton, Penna.—Jimmy Monroe went to bat again on December 1 with a boxing card that held the fans spellbound when he presented the ever popular Andy Klinges, Newton, Penna., the Coal Region favorite. Klinges met Cue Ball Young, the Philadelphia baldy.

In the early stages of the bout it looked like the Newtonion would lose or be extended. The Bald Young had no trouble working inside the leads of Klinges and countered with hard rights to the mid. At the end of ten torrid rounds, one judge and Referee Nealy voted for Klinges while Judge Hugh Brislin voted a draw. The press score card read—Klinges 5, Young 4, 1 even. Andy Klinges evidently fought his last civilian battle for the duration as he will join the Armed Forces very soon.

In a bout between Jamaica Harold Smith, the Philadelphia thunder puncher, and Jess Moraney of Harrisburg, Penna., the latter received a terrific wallop in the second and Moraney went down and out.

Other bouts at Hazelton were just as interesting when Hammering Henry Jones faced Jackie Saunders. Jones was given a Christmas present because he walked off with the duke. Ray Karlonis of Benton, Penna., ran into a surprise when he was floored once in the second and once in the third for nine counts at the fists of the old man, Johnny Francis. Francis was awarded the decision.

HIT BITS FROM PITTSBURGH
By RALPH BREM

PITTSBURGH'S indoor boxing finally resumed after a lapse of four months with Joe Baksi, Kulpmont's gift to boxing, and Buddy Knox, Dayton, Ohio, veteran, meeting in the feature of ten rounds at the Gardens, November 27. Baksi didn't have much trouble with the overweight Knox. He dropped Buddy for two nine counts and an eight count in the second, once for nine in the third and finally finished the job in 39 seconds of the fourth with a left hook to the solar plexus.

Joe had things mostly his own way in the first and early part of the second when he scored his first, second and third knockdowns. When Knox arose he surprised the gathering by carrying the fight to the ex-coal miner for the remainder of the session.

In the third Knox continued his attack, splitting Baksi's left eye. Near the end of the round, Knox was once more floored for nine.

Early in the fourth, Baksi sank his left wrist deep in Knox's stomach. Knox keeled over on his face, rolled on to his back where the intense pain caused by the blow was seen mirrored on his face as he rolled from side to side gasping while Referee Ernie Sesto tolled the count.

Baksi weighed 217 to Knox's 213.

In the prelims: Phil Muscato, 171, of Buffalo walloped Cleve Baily, 167, of New York, over the eight round route in the semi-final. There was plenty of action but no knockdowns.

Art (Honey) Robinson, 145, pulled a minor upset against Jackie Walls, 143, in six. Walls had just returned from the West Coast where he had compiled a winning streak of 19 consecutive victories.

In the fours: Johnny Fulton outtugged Speedy Williams. The local heavies didn't feel like fighting.

Armand Gentile local middleweight won a slow bout in the opener against Joe Jackson of "The Hill." Jackson was down for six in the fourth.

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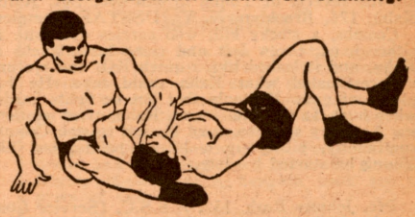

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VOLK SCORES FOR RAINBOW OPENER

By PFC. MARK FANNON

HALLOWEEN may mean horrors for most people but the boxing fans thought it a fine occasion to open the glove throwing season at Rainbow Corner. There is also a Rainbow Corner in Paris now, and boxing will be held there soon. When this was announced at the ringside, one GI piped up with, "How about a Rainbow Corner in Berlin?" Not a bad idea.

"Hank" Lacey, Brighton, Mass., American Red Cross Sports Director, is doing the matchmaking, assisted by Sgt. Joe Molinari, former bantamweight star of New York who knows the game well. Joe also announced the show.

The card was not a team match but it really turned out that way when the boys were finally paired up. The Armoured Division came down with a team, ably headed by S/Sgt. Bob Coin, top notch lightweight of Scranton, Pa. He brought along some tough babies, best of them being Young and Donald Coombs.

In the feature bout of the show, Cpl. Bobby Volk, senior welterweight USSTAF champion from Portland, Ore., came through with the decision at the end of three hard-fought rounds, over Cpl. Dick Young, 1944 Texas amateur and National Golden Glove champ.

Volk, 163, colorful 8th AF puncher, who has amassed a big following here, got the jump on Young at the bell, punching well with both hands. For two rounds Volk's hard, accurate hitting kept him ahead. Then Young, in nice shape, took the initiative and pressed Volk with some classy two-fisted punching. But though Young did well in the last frame, he didn't start soon enough to overcome Volk's lead. A re-match is scheduled soon.

Cpl. Donald Coombs, 176, Watertown, S. D., called the Melio Bettina of the Armoured team, did the reverse of Young to win over Sgt. Aaron Kahn, 175, Brooklyn, N. Y., USSTAF champion.

Coombs, a stocky kid, who carries dynamite in either hand, threw left and right hand bombs at Kahn, and it looked like a quick KO. But we had underestimated what Kahn could take. He has plenty of guts. Not only that but he fights harder when hurt. In the final round, Kahn, after weathering 2 stormy sessions, used his left to stab Coombs continually, piling up a lot of points, but like Young he started too late.

Pfc. Johnny Ruth, 152, A.S.S.C. (Service Command), Philadelphia, who looked so good last time out, beat Cpl. James Hale, 152, Clarkson, Ky., in 3 rounds. The elongated Hale gave Ruth plenty of trouble in the first heat but Ruth's greater experience and punching power overcame the game newcomer.

Pfc. Jerome Cawley, 161, Baltimore, 8th AF slugger, won a hairline decision over Pvt. Wm. Torrence, G-25, Iowa. This decision could have been a draw without any trouble but Cawley deserved the break on his aggressiveness and willingness to mix.

Pvt. Bobby Quinn, 138, Cleveland (8th AF), received the K.O. decision over Pvt. Lewis Colon, 144, Los Angeles (Armoured Division), when Colon had to stop because of a bad hand, at the end of the first.

Pfc. Alex Salazar, 134, Denver, Colo. (8th AF), got the nod over dancing Pvt. Ray Meyer, 142, Chicago (Armoured Division).

Pvt. Johnny Borges, 127, Los Angeles, (Armoured Division) won a close decision over Pfc. Clement Morrone, rugged 131 pounder of Cleveland (8th AF).

Sgt. Ray Wright, 135, Philadelphia, A.S.S.C., cut Pvt. Paul Martin's eye in the second and was given the bout. Martin, G-25, of Columbus, Ohio, protested violently.

Pvt. James De Forrest, 135, N.Y.C. A.S.S.C., dropped Pvt. Al Rucker, Houston, Tex. (Armoured Division), in the first, then stopped him in the second with a flurry of blows.

NORMANDY VETERAN SCORES IMPRESSIVELY

By PFC. MARK FANNON

THE hall was packed at 6 P.M. but the Rainbow Corner in England could offer the fans only four boxing bouts, one exhibition match and two wrestling matches. They were all good, however, which helped to console the patrons a little. From time to time, cards that look good a few days ahead, suddenly fold up. This you can blame on the war.

T/Sgt. Bill Dircks, 196 (29th Division), Cumberland, Md., just back from the Normandy and Brittany battlefronts, who was wounded at Brest, gained his objective by slamming Pvt. Godfrey Hutchinson (8th AF), Philadelphia, around for three frames.

It was a battle of faces and snorts as each one kept blowing and posing throughout. In the first heat, Hutchinson, with a snake-like left, pushed it into Dircks' face. But Dircks soon solved this, sucking in the elongated Philly boy and landing short blows inside. He used a right uppercut effectively. Dircks is quite a showman, shadow boxed between rounds and seemed to enjoy the affair immensely.

Pfc. Dick Shinn, 144 (Paratroops), popular Korean of San Francisco, out-boxed stiff punching Pvt. Louis Hernandez (8th Air Force), 151, Oakland, Cal.

Fine footwork and a left hook kept Hernandez from using his dynamite. Hernandez is strictly a counter fighter, waiting his openings, but Shinn was smart enough to keep him occupied.

Sgt. Karl Dalio, 167, Houston, Texas, stopped Pfc. Jerome Cawley (8th AF), 162, Baltimore, Md., in the third after a thrilling slugging match. Dalio dropped Cawley in the first with a two-fisted attack. Cawley was hurt, weaved and bobbed low to keep erect. Cawley's southpaw toughman matched Dalio punch for punch in the second. But this was the end for Cawley, for in the third another barrage floored him which caused Referee Cpl. Frank Marcella, to stop the match.

Cpl. Tommy Carbonaro, 163, Brooklyn, N. Y., came through for the Eighth Air Force by winning over the taller Pvt. William Torrence, 168, Iowa City, Iowa.

Torrence was the aggressor but couldn't hit the short, stocky Carbonaro. Torrence was floored by Tommy in the third which clinched the decision for him.

AMERICAN BOXERS SHINE IN INDIA

By SGT. BOB KUZAVA

TWO American boxers who have made tremendous hits in Indian boxing circles are Pvts. Johnny Miller and Joe Frischerz. Both lads are unbeaten here and have been rated by sports-columnists in India where these boys are stationed with the army, as two of the best amateur boxers to show here in many years.

Johnny Miller, a lightweight hailing from Stockton, Calif., holds wins over the All-India featherweight and lightweight champions, A. M. Joshua and E. Lardner respectively. Miller has also beaten three top-flight English boxers, Lac. Dillon, Lac. Bryson, and Cpl. Inkly all of the RAF. Before the war Miller boxed as an amateur around Northern Calif., the highlight of his pre-war career was his victory over Pfc. Bernie Reyes, former Los Angeles Golden Glover and Pacific Coast Amateur champion and present boxing instructor at Camp Kohler, Eddie Prince, ex-Diamond Belt champion from Detroit, and Dom DeQuisto of Camp Grant fell before the clever youngster.

Jolting Joe Frischerz, a welterweight from San Francisco, is truly a product of Army boxing, never donning a pair of gloves until he entered the service. However, since that time Joe has run up an amazing string of seventeen straight wins over here in India. He started right off by beating Lac. Foden, runner-up in last year's All-India championships, twice. Next he K.O.'ed Eddie Maguirre, an old ex-professional from England, in two hectic rounds and then he bounced the highly touted Terry Tarrantino, Golden Gloves champion from Connecticut, all over the ring in the feature bout of an All-Star show. Frischerz was presented with a pair of boxing gloves autographed by Major Gen. G. X. Cheves and Mr. R. G. Casey, the Governor of Bengal, for being the outstanding boxer of the show.

SOUTH FLORIDA RING NOTES

By C. O. HART

AS this edition goes to press it is apparent that the American Legion Arena in West Palm Beach will once again be Florida's number one fight club, with all action cards every week until May. Matchmaker Al Caroly presented the season's inaugural program on Dec. 15 with profits from the show going to the Empty Stocking Fund.

Promoter Earl Cooper has moved out of the Dade County Armory at Miami and transferred his fistic activities to the outdoor Biscayne Arena in downtown Miami with Phil Thibedeau as matchmaker. Thibedeau plans to feature Ulysses Valle, crowd pleasing Tampa welterweight, and Frankie Conti, Haverhill, Mass., lightweight.

November ring action at the Armory saw Marcel Fournier, Montreal 130-pounder, chalk up a close eight-round decision over Doug Lester of Miami. It was Fournier's third straight win in Miami. In the same ring Joe Angelo, classy Philadelphia 138-pounder, battled to a draw with Frankie Conti while Ulysses Valle, still a youngster, came out of retirement to stop the veteran Paul Westbrook.

Marty Fuller staged his first show of the winter season at Miami Field and the 10-round main event saw Gunnar Barlund, veteran heavyweight from Finland, outclass Vince Pimpinella of Brooklyn. Norman (Hi-Ho) Silver, classy New York featherweight, belted out Henry Kid Briere of Hartford in two heats on the same card.

Merle Tidwell, San Francisco welterweight who scored several good wins at West Palm Beach last winter, is readying for ring action there. He is stationed at the Orlando Air Base. . . . Smok Gordon, heavyweight in the Army at Boca Raton shows promise as does Joey Krikis, Bronx 130 pounder stationed at the Fort Pierce Naval Base

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At Miami on December 5, Jock Leslie, 127, of Flint, Michigan, kayoed Marcel Fournier of Mon treal in one round.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By HOMER AMUNDSEN

THIS writer recently went on a talent scouting tour to the nearby Fort Lewis fight shows for Tacoma's Promoter Will Maylon. There are a number of willing ring men at the big Army Base, and Promoter Will expects to use a few of the service boys on his forthcoming show which he is now working on.

The writer met Lew Feldman, former star New York boxer, at the Fort boxing program. Lew since donning Uncle Sam's garb, has taken on a little weight, but the little guy looks good and is a pleasant chap to meet.

Joe Kahut, the heavy-handed Woodburn, Ore. light-heavy, was a recent Fort Lewis inductee for a few days, then came a transfer to the Navy.

The latest Tacoma boxing prospect to come forth is sixteen-year-old, 120-pound, Buster Arnestad Buster, of Norwegian, Irish, English, Scotch, and French parentage, is one of the most likely lookin youngsters to come out of this Puget Sound City in the past eighteen years.

Dick Ross, seventeen-year-old 170-pounder, being brought along slowly and in due time will win top recognition as a heavyweight.

Tommy Burns, former world heavyweight champion, has left this City of Destiny for the Sunny South. Tommy is quite the wanderer, and doesn't stay in one place for any length of time.

Tacoma's Grand Old Man of boxing, John Jesel is a frequent visitor to this writer's gymnasium Mr. Jesel, who has followed the ring sport for the best part of his seventy-two years of life, is a human Encyclopedia on fights, dates, and places.

Our County Sheriff, H. W. Lee Croft, follows the heavyweight side of boxing very closely. The reason, the good sheriff has a young son now in England, who promises to be a good Postwar heavyweight boxer.

Elliott Metcalf, peer of Pacific Coast sport writers, has written many glorifying words about most of our best Tacoma boxers. In due time "Met" as he is known by most of us here, will have these two youngsters, Dick Ross and Buster Arnestad, to glorify to the heights.

In Sunny California

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bantam champ . . . . Ed Frayne, nationally known sports editor, passed away last month. Frayne, who left the Los Angeles *Record* to take over the sports desk at the New York *American* did much to promote boxing in California. He died of a heart attack at his home in Van Nuys at the age of 51 . . . . Pete Lakovich, hard-hitting Fresno light-heavy, K.O.'ed George Edwards in the first round at Fresno . . . . Quite a number of local boxers are becoming parents these days. Among the most recent to become proud papas are Matt Oglesby, Ceferino Robleto and Bert Wh . . . . Roberto Rosas, Mexico City bantam, joined the stable of Gus Wilson . . . . Another good fighter of other days has passed away, he is Pete Meyers, that hard-hitting toughie who fought such stars as Sgt. Sammy Baker, Jackie Fields, Young Corbett, etc. . . . . Juan Zuniga chalked up a very impressive win when he stopped Jerry Moore in the sixth round at San Francisco.

Among local amateurs to enter pro ranks during recent weeks were Bill Lisoni, 165; Bill Pa 190, and Tommy Anderson, 175 . . . . It is rumored that Lew Raymond, New Orleans boxing St. Louis promoter, is to take over the San Jose club. If he does, that little city can boast of having one of the country's best matchmakers and one of the best liked men in the boxing game. And how about you, Broadway Johnny Cox? Will you be with Raymond? If you are, look me up . . . . Manager Johnny Kelloff now seeks help with the light-heavies for his charge, Jack Chase's success against Lloyd Marshall has convinced Kelloff that his clever middleweight can do better against the bigger opponents . . . . Angelo Dente has taken over the contract of Joe Robleto . . . . Please enclose stamped, addressed envelope in your correspondence to this writer, whose address is Harry Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

THRILLING BOUTS STAGED BY PANAMA CANAL TROOPS

STEVE JABLONSKI probably was more surprised than any of the 5,000 fight fans in Balboa Stadium when he was announced as the winner of his four-round middleweight set-to with Col. Parra's left-jabbing Julio Mercado, in the final of a bang-up card. The dazed Blond Tiger from the Col. Thomas team, wabbled weakly to his feet to acknowledge the nod, much the worse for wear after taking a two-handed pounding from Mercado that left bloody imprints all over his head and torso.

After a fairly even first round in which the flailing blond landed some rights to the head and body to offset a stiff left jab Mercado kept shooting at his chin, the Parratrooper started a lead which he kept for the remaining three rounds while he kept ducking the take-a-chance Sunday punches thrown by the Buffalo slugger. Mercado's left jabs found their mark on Jablonski's jaw throughout the bout with a jolting that a less durable fighter could not have weathered.

A noisy demonstration from the left wing of the grandstand followed the announcement of Charley Eschman's win over Rafael Ortiz-Rivera, hard-fighting welter from the Col. Nichols stable in the semi-final event. The rhythmic stamping and whistling, echoed by sympathetic protests throughout the stadium, provided an accompaniment for the first two rounds of the Mercado-Jablonski slugfest.

Bobby Root took a four-round decision from Anthony Marcellino, a game Marine from Amsterdam, N. Y. The Marine was dropped for a nine-count with a ripping right cross to the chin in the third and came back to trade punches for the distance. Root used his left effectively throughout the bout while Marcellino landed with a right to the chin in the first that momentarily staggered Root. The bout drew a big hand from the crowd with Root's classy ringwork and Marcellino's willingness to mix it.

Cpl. Barbee, Sweet's North Carolina middleweight, moved into the Class A competition once more by a T.K.O. over James Kain in the third round. Barbee used his good left jab and a hard right against Kain's two-handed rushes to the body, flooring him with a right to the jaw for a count of nine in the second. Kain went down from a straight right to the jaw at the bell, but came out for the third to meet Barbee's two-handed flurry to the head that left him wobbly. Referee Hennessy halted the bout after 23 seconds.

Anthony Hernandez, a Chicago junior lightweight, added 40 points to the Col. Thomas standings when he feinted Col. Roemer's Ramon Marrero into position for his straight right and a knockout in 1:29 of the second round, the only clean knockout on the 14-bout card.

Lee Leftridge, neat-boxing Marine from Baltimore, Md., floored Santiago Mendez with a right cross to the jaw that sent the Pomeroy man down for a two count, then chased him across the ring with both hands to the head. Referee Gardner calling halt at 1:59 of the second round.

Robert Hampton, Washington, D. C., took the opener from Edgar McCollum, Col. Baxter's welterweight in three rounds.

A close decision in the second bout went to Ismael Valdez of Panama over Sailor Le Roy De Carlo, Lorain, O., featherweight.

Riveras Gonzales, a Col. Brown junior lightweight, got the nod after three rounds with Robert Bernard, of the Pongrace team.

James Atkins scored a Class 3 win for the Pongrace team when he slugged it out for three rounds with Rosario Martell, a Col. Roemer lightweight. He topped the bout off in the third when he swarmed all over Rosario in a neutral corner, the Roemer man dropping to the canvas after the bell.

Buck Layhue, a newcomer on the Col. Thomas team from Uniontown, Pa., produced a good right that found its mark on the head of Hernando Velez, a Col. Parra welterweight, for the decision after three rounds.

Miguel Caballero garnered 30 points for the Parra team with a four-round decision over Luis Reyes, a Col. Nichols junior lightweight. The Parra man dropped Reyes for a three-count with a hard right to the jaw at the bell in the first, and repeated the performance in the second. Reyes came back in the final round with both hands to the head, but not sufficiently to offset Caballero's advantage in the first three.

Pedro Guadalupe, a Pomeroy junior welter, used a right effectively to outpoint Col. Roemer's Jose Collazo in a Class 2 four-rounder. The bout showed plenty of action with Collazo throwing some wild ones.

Frank Lombardi, Marine from Marlboro, Mass., outpointed the not-too-well-conditioned Hernando Caraballo of Col. Roemer's team in an active five-round bout that left the coast artillery welterweight wobbly at the final bell of the extra round after the two came out even at the end of the four rounds scheduled. Lombardi was effective in the in-fighting and his body attack seemed to hurt Caraballo in the extra period after Caraballo proved ineffective with right uppercuts to the jaw and body.

Three rights to the jaw brought Charles Eschman, crafty welterweight on Col. Sweet's boxing team, a T.K.O. over Marine Lee Leftridge after one minute and 10 seconds of the opening round of the semi-final event on the Pacific side boxing card at Balboa Stadium, Canal Zone. The winner and loser drew rousing applause from a capacity gathering. Referee Hennessy called a halt after several knockdowns.

The main event was a slugfest between Julio Mercado, outstanding middleweight on the Col. Nadal team, and Ralph Laugen of the Navy, with the Mobile Force trooper getting a close nod.

Denis Reding, ahead on points, gained the decision over Sam Capone when the sailor was disabled by an old back injury at the end of the second round. Capone gave a good account of himself in the first. Capone landed hard rights to the head and body to start the second round, but Reding uppercutted effectively to the body in return. Capone came out of a clinch to meet Reding's rush that planted two hard rights to the face and left the sailor hanging on at the bell. Capone was in great pain from his back injury as he returned to his corner, and Referee Gardner ended the proceedings amid the thundering applause.

Victor Fontanez, Col. Nadal's youthful middleweight who has pleased the fans in his two previous appearances, slugged his way to his second decision over Gus Troilo, a highly-favored battler from the Sweet Stable.

The final round found Fontanez scoring with his left to the head and body while Troilo was ineffective.

The opener ended in a T.K.O. for Wilfred Tomlin of the Navy when he tagged Eufenis Regarra of the Nadal stable with a hard right to the button, and followed with a one-two that sent the jungle soldier to the canvas after 1:40 in the second round with Referee Gardner ruling him unable to stand any more punishment.

Manuel Albert, a newcomer for Col. Nadal, received the decision after three rounds over Robert Berry, a hard-working slugger from the Navy, who was unable to stop the rushing of Albert with his left.

William Brown of the Marines outboxed Robert Bernard of the Pongrace team for the decision after three rounds.

Rafio Martell, a Col. Roemer junior welter, decisioned Fernado Velez of the Nadal outfit in a closely fought three-rounder.

Edmond Douglas, a fast-moving Pongrace junior lightweight, had the best of it throughout four rounds with Luis Reyes, of the Nichols team, to take the nod, his left being effective.

Luis Trebal added 40 points to the Roemer standings by out-slugging Ramirez Gonzalez, Col. Brown's junior lightweight, for four rounds in a bout that pleased the crowd. Gonzalez landed effectively with his right, but the more experienced Trebal made points with his harder punching.

Martin Feminello, a Col. Sweet middleweight, used a strong left to the jaw to take the decision over Col. Baxter's Edward Rossi, in the extra round after the scheduled three-rounder left the judges undecided. The fourth round gave Feminello all the best of it with Rossi being smothered with lefts to the head.

Gavino Rosado garnered 20 points for the Nadal team with decision over Calmelo Morales, a Col. Brown middleweight, in a three-rounder that had plenty of clinching. Rosado led with a hard left to land with strong rights to the head.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS

By ANTHONY COPPI

THE twelfth annual Golden Gloves tournament will be held in this city at the Armory this and next month. The event is co-sponsored by the Indianapolis *Times* and the Bruce Robinson American Legion Post. Soldier amateur boxers from Ft. Harrison, Stout Field, Camp Atterbury and Freeman Field are invited to participate. The tourney dates are January 26, February 2, 9, 16.

Cpl. Arthur (Bud) Cottey, former local welterweight who was decorated recently with the silver star, America's third highest battle honor, is now fighting in France. Cottey, a protege of Tom Leeper, has seen service in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

George "Sugar" Costner, latest sensation in the welterweight ranks, continued on his way to the top when he outclassed Arnold Deer, Indianapolis middleweight, at the local Armory. Costner won by a technical knockout in the fourth when the one-sided bout was stopped by the referee. Deer was down for nine counts in both the second and third rounds and was bleeding freely throughout the encounter. Costner scaled 145, Deer 157.

Co-promoters Jack Begun and Irv Schoenwald of Chicago have made tentative plans to book the Negro flash with more formidable opponents such as Al Bummy Davis, Henry Armstrong, *et al.*, soon. Costner's latest win was a three-round knockout over Sgt. Lou Woods at Chicago.

In the five-round semi-windup Gene Gudgill, Dayton, O., 150, won by a kayo in the first round against Jimmy Wilson, Chicago, 155.

Raymond Glenn, local lightweight, won by a T.K.O. in three rounds in his scheduled five-rounder against Cpl. Billy Fisher, Camp Atterbury.

Benton Cobbins, 146, Newport, Ky., shaded Bishop Murphy, 152, Chicago, in a five-rounder and Jack Durham, Indianapolis welter, decisioned Joshua Thompson, Muncie, Ind.

Colion Chaney, Indianapolis heavyweight, and Bob Garner of Louisville battled to a ten-round draw at the local armory. After an even first round, Garner won the next four by aggressiveness. Chaney backpedaled until the sixth heat when he rocked Garner with stiff head punches which had the Kentucky battler almost out during the round. The local heavy then won the seventh, eighth and ninth. The tenth was even as Garner rallied to pull defeat out of the fire. Chaney weighed 187½, Garner 178.

Jackie Talmer, Dayton, O., heavyweight, flattened Bud Chamberlin, Indianapolis, in the first stanza of a scheduled five-round semi-windup. Talmer was awarded a T.K.O. after Chamberlin, no match for his opponent, was down twice in the first round.

Gene Gudgill, Dayton, O., welter, knocked out Joshua Thompson in the fourth round of a scheduled five. Thompson, a substitute, was carried from the ring to his dressing room and is currently in City Hospital under observation.

Cpl. Dick Cook, Camp Atterbury lightweight, knocked out Joe Poindexter, Indianapolis, in four rounds of a bout scheduled for five.

Dave Clark, Cincinnati middleweight in his pro debut, decisioned Roland Hopp, Indianapolis, in five rounds.

Two eight-round bouts headlined the third show of the month at the downtown Armory. Robert Fowler, Chicago welterweight, and James Sherron fought to an eight-round draw. Sherron's only defeat in twelve pro battles was at the hands of Fowler in the Windy City recently.

Cpl. Dick Cook, Camp Atterbury, shaded Raymond Glenn, local lightweight, in the companion eight-rounder. The Cook-Glenn battle was a scorching thriller, easily stealing the show.

Gene Gudgill, Dayton welterweight who has won five in a row in this city, knocked out Bishop Murphy of Chicago in round two of a scheduled five.

Arnold Deer, Indianapolis middleweight, decisioned Frank Gaffney, Chicago, in five rounds. The latter suffered three knockdowns.

Woody Green, lanky local middleweight in his first pro encounter, stopped Frankie James, Spencer, Ind., in the second round, slated for four.

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BOUTS AT TUCSON, ARIZONA

By HARRY EAGLES

OFFORD OTTIS HINES of Fort Huachuca was knocked out in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-rounder by Manny Marmalejo of Chihuhua, Mexico. The boys are featherweights. They staged a sensational thrill fight on Sept. 12 here and this was a rematch. Hines won the former bout.

Chino Carvajal of Nogales, Ariz., knocked out Guillermo Jacome of Mexico City in the third round. This was in the other half of the twin feature bout.

Johnny Richardson of Idaho, now at Douglas Army Air Base, former Golden Glove welterweight champion of that state, knocked out Margarito Ramirez of Mexico City in the first round. Franco Friori of Mexico City, 127, knocked out Baby Forres, 126, of Juarez, Mexico, in the third round.

Jimmy Sowell of Chicago, 142, now stationed at an Arizona Army Air Base, knocked out Manuel Cruz, 139, of Mexico City, in the third round.

In spite of the K.O. termination of each bout on the card every bout was a hard fought, evenly contested affair until the knockouts suddenly terminated them.

AT CAMP CROWDER, MO.

IN the feature bout at Service Club No. 1, Bobby O'Connell, 145, tough post welterweight, evened the score with Chester Jones, 147, hard-hitting post pug, in an exciting and hotly contested bout that had the 1200 GI patrons crying for more. Jones was presented with a trophy for his contribution to the success of the B.&S.C. indoor bouts. Jones won a nip-and-tuck battle last August.

In the semi-final, Johnny Shiffler, former Unit Command middleweight champ, shunned his usual boxing style to smother Jimmy Barlow. Shiffler was the most improved fighter on the card.

Lefty Johnny Mater, lightweight, decisioned Souren Movsessions in a good fight.

LeRoy Roach, 145, had too much experience in an exhibition with Harry Fleming.

King Somerville, heavyweight, carried Gerhard Johnson, B.&S.C. heavyweight champ, in another exhibition. Johnson ran out of gas and the sportsmanlike Somerville did not press for a kayo. Pvt. Ralph C. Allen was referee.

Bill McCoy, potent-punching middleweight, scored a 30 seconds one-round T.K.O. over Bill Novak. Novak never knew what hit him. The rest of the fights were exhibitions.

Harry Fleming sparred with Souren Movsessions; Fred Ash, 155, engaged Anthony Dellafano, 160; Jesse Porter, 143, taught Milford Martin, 165, a ring lesson; Johnny Mater, 139, kept his right jab in the face of Thomas Weatherby, 145, and Herbert Tottle, 175, and Lewis Root, 175, traded haymakers, jabs, handshakes and smiles while 800 GI's looked on at Service Club No. 1.

Cpl. Buddy Gomer, 168, well-known boxer, stationed at Camp Crowder, boxed an interesting exhibition over three rounds with Frankie Nolan, 165, Kansas City, at Joplin, Mo. The rest of the card was completed with six wrestling bouts. Over 1100 fans turned out.

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